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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

THE facts given in the following pages represent the labor of several persons. Many years ago, my father, the late John Johnson of Woburn, copied many of the early Johnson wills and other probate records of Middlesex County, and also employed John A. Boutelle, a genealogist, to prepare a record of our branch of the family. It was my father, too, who obtained a copy of the will of George Johnson of Maryland, referred to on page 6. It was his purpose to preserve the family records for posterity, and it is largely because of his interest in these matters, and out of respect to his memory, that this compilation has been prepared and printed.

My own researches and the publication by me of the Woburn Records added much to what my father had collected. I fully intended several years ago to publish a Johnson genealogy, but not finding the leisure to prepare my material for the printer, I finally decided to turn the task over to my friends, Mr. William R. Cutter and Mr. Arthur G. Loring, than whom, in my opinion, there are no more competent genealogists. These two gentlemen have not only supplemented the facts gathered by my father and myself with much information and data of their own, but are also entitled to the credit of having prepared the manuscript for the printer.

This publication is genealogical and not biographical. The only claim which I make for what is here presented is that of accuracy; and, in the interest of accuracy, the registries, probate and court records of Middlesex, Suffolk, Worcester and Essex Counties have been examined with care, and most of the statements which are given herein are based either on those records, or on other documentary evidence equally reliable. It seems better, in a work of this character, to give fewer facts, than to set down many things which are a matter of conjecture only.

The greater part of the first twenty-nine pages of this genealogy was published in "The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register," for the months of January, April and July, 1905, and much of what appears in the appendix, under the head of Additions and Corrections, would have been placed in its proper sequence in the body of the work, had it not been for the fact that in first preparing the genealogy for publication in the "Register," it was necessary to be very brief and concise.

I shall be pleased to receive suggestions and additions from any one into whose hands this work may come. I hope to be able hereafter to print a more complete genealogy of the descendants of Capt. Edward Johnson, and to give to it the literary and biographical character which it was thought not wise to attempt in this publication.

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CAPTAIN EDWARD JOHNSON, OF WOBURN, MASS., AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

1. Capt. Edward[1] Johnson, author of the celebrated history of New England, called the "Wonderworking Providence,"* was baptized in Canterbury, County Kent, England, Sept. 16 or 17, 1598, and died in Woburn, Apr. 23, 1672. His father was William Johnson.†

He was a man of much influence in the colony at large, held many offices, and no citizen of Woburn of his time was better known. At the first meeting of the commissioners for the settlement of the new town, he presented a plot or plan of the territory to be included within its limits, and was chosen the first recorder or town clerk. He was also active in founding the first church, and commanded the first military company of Woburn. He was the author of some unique lines at the beginning of the first volume of the Woburn town records. His verse-making, when compared with the work of other writers of his time in this country, was no better, or no worse, than theirs. No fuller account of the origin and settlement of a town of equal age in New England has been given than that by him of Woburn in his "Wonderworking Providence."

* "Wonderworking Providence of Sion's Savior in New England," first printed in London, 1653 [imprint, 1654]; modern edition by W. F. Poole, Andover, Mass, 1867. There have been various critical estimates of this work. For a list of references and a brief account, see Cutter's "Bibliography of Woburn," 1892. For an explanation of the connection of Sir Ferdinando Gorges with this work, see preface of Hon. James Phinney Baxter to his monograph on Gorges (Boston, 1890), vol. ii., pp. 175, 185.

† There is no doubt of this fact, but whether the persons assigned by various writers are his sons, other than Capt. Edward,[1] seems problematical. The records of Canterbury, England, contain the names of many persons by the name of Johnson other than those apparently connected with the family of this William Johnson, and in the absence of better evidence than any yet found it does not seem wise to make any further statements at this time. I append, however, some extracts from a letter to me from Prof. J. Franklin Jameson, of Chicago University, a descendant of Capt. Edward Johnson, who visited Canterbury in 1896.

"At Canterbury it was not difficult to find the little church of St. Alphege and a site in its parish which was opposite the remains of the old archiepiscopal palace; and I saw its churchwarden and a printed transcript of its records. But apparently Edward Johnson was not of that parish. What I found, I found in the town library attached to the Guildhall Museum, and to wit, in a set of the parish records of Canterbury. Those of all, or nearly all, these parishes have been printed. I find Edward Johnsons of that period in the records of the parishes of St. Mary Magdalen, St. Margaret and St. Dunstan, and of William Johnsons in these at St. Peters. But it appeared to me quite certain that our Edward Johnson was none of these; but rather of St. George. In the records of that parish I found, among other entries of Johnsons, the following christenings:—

Feb. 17, 1593–4, Matthew, son of William.
22d of ———, 1594, George, son of William.
Jan. 18, 1595–6, George, son of William.
Sept. 16 or 17, 1598, Edward, son of William.
Sept. 6, 1601, Elizabeth, dau. of William, bur. 14th.
Aug. 8, 1602, Thomas, son of William.
March 18, 1602–3, Daniel and Bartholomew, sons of William.

These, I presume, are our Edward's brothers and sister.

Apr. 10, 1604, is noted the burial of Susan, wife of William Johnson. Under Aug. 25, 1617, I found noted a license for William Johnson, of St. George's, Canterbury, joiner, and Ann Cobb, widow, and their marriage noted under August 24. Sept. 27,

He came to Charlestown with the first immigrants, and soon returned to England; and on his second voyage to New England, about 1636 or 1637, brought the members of his family, consisting of a wife, seven children, and three servants.

He was famous as a surveyor and an early explorer of the forest territory of New England, and the eminent antiquary, John Farmer, in an article about him, published on June 16, 1819, in the "Columbian Centinel," and reproduced in Farmer and Moore's *New Hampshire Collections*, in 1822, says, "The fathers of New England are among the first entitled to our grateful recollections. To them belongs the honor of first exploring our country, and preparing it for the abodes of civilized life."

Capt. Edward Johnson was appointed, in 1665, by the General Court, to make a map of the Colony, in conjunction with William Stevens.

In 1672, after his death, the General Court passed an order regarding a chronicle of the early history of the Colony, which reads substantially as follows:

"The Court considering how many ways the providence of God hath mercifully appeared in behalf of his people in these parts, since their coming into this wilderness; and us of this colony in particular, do judge it our duty to endeavor that a register or chronicle be made of the several passages of God's providence, protecting of and saving from many eminent dangers, as well in transportation, as in our abode here, making provision beyond what could, in reason, have been expected, and preventing our

1637, burial of Ann, wife of William Johnson. Dec. 27, 1637, burial of William Johnson. These seemed most probably to be Capt. Edward's father's family. Returning to christenings:

June 20, 1613, Thomas, son of Edward Johnson, husbandman.
Apr. 7, 1616, Mary, dau. of Edward Johnson, husbandman in Dover Lane.
Mar. 29, 1618, Elizabeth, dau. of Edward Johnson.
Nov. 7, 1619, Edward, son of Edward Johnson.
Apr. 3, 1625, George, son of Edward Johnson.
Apr. 1, 1627, Susanna, or Susan, dau. of Edward Johnson.
Mar. 22, 1628-9, William, son of Edward Johnson, joyner.
May 1, 1631, Martha, dau. of Edward Johnson.
Mar. 30, 1633, Matthew, son of Edward Johnson.
May 10, 1635, John, son of Edward Johnson and Susan Muntter.
May 23, 1625, William, son of Edward Johnson, buried.

Most of these are our captain's children, I suppose.

I can't be at all certain about the entries of earlier date, *i.e.*, whether they ought to be connected with these or not. But here they are:

June 25, 1541, buried, John, son of William Johnson.
June 25, 1542, christ., John, son of William Johnson.
(Something wrong about these, I fear).
Sept. 4, 1545, buried, Sibilla, dau. of William Johnson.
———, 1559, christened, William, son of John Johnson.
Oct. 4, 1574, buried, Daniel, son of John Johnson.
May 17, 1575, buried, Elizabeth, wife of William Johnson, Grandfather to William Johnson, parrish clarke.
June 9, 1576, buried, William Johnson.
May 6, 1598, buried John Johnson.

The conjecture which I formed regarding these was, that "William Johnson, parrish clarke," was the father of the town clerk of Woburn and that he occasionally put in a back item into the records when he came to have charge of them; that he was born in 1559; that perhaps the John Johnson who died in 1598 was his father, born perhaps in 1542 or 1541; that the William Johnson who died in 1576, was his grandfather, husband of Elizabeth who died 1575. To find evidence in support of this conjecture, I searched the probate registers of Canterbury for wills of Williams and Johns of St. George's parish; but in vain. This was all I could do in my brief stay. It seemed likely enough, as they were men of some property, that, if they made wills, these might be found at Somerset House in London."

Hon. Byron B. Johnson, of Waltham, examined the records at Somerset House a few years ago, but wrote to me that he found no wills there which related to the Capt. Edward branch of the family.

fears many a time; that so our posterity and the generation that shall survive, taking a view of the kindness of God to their fathers, it may remain as an obligation upon them to serve the Lord their God with all their hearts and souls."

The Court, therefore, appointed a committee "to make diligent inquiry in the several parts of this jurisdiction concerning anything of moment that has passed, and in particular of what has been collected by Mr. John Winthrop, Sen., Mr. Thomas Dudley, Mr. John Wilson, Sen., Capt. Edward Johnson, or any other; that so, matter being prepared, some meet person may be appointed by this court to put the same into form; that so, after perusal of the same, it may be put to press."*

His will, dated the 15th of the 3d month, 1671, names wife Susan; eldest son Edward; sons George, William, Matthew, and John; sons-in-law, James Prentice and John Amee; daughters and daughters-in-law (they were not mentioned by name); the wife of son Edward (her name not given); grandchildren, Edward, son of his son Edward, son Matthew's eldest son (not mentioned by name), George, son of his son George, William and Edward, sons of his son William, John, son of his son John, William, son of his son John, James Prentice, son of James Prentice, and John Amee, son of John Amee, Katherine, daughter of his son Edward, Katherine, daughter of his son George, Hester (or Esther), daughter of his son William, Rebecca, daughter of his son Matthew, Bethiah, daughter of his son John, Susan, daughter of his son-in-law James Prentice, Hannah, another daughter of James Prentice, and the eldest daughter (not mentioned by name) of his son-in-law John Amee. The inventory, returned May 11, 1672, gives as the amount, £706. 05. 06; homestead, £159; debts, £9. 10. 00; rents supposed to be due in England, £132; houses and lands in England, £300.

The will of his wife Susan, or Susanna, dated Dec. 14, 1689, probated March 2, 1690–1, mentions her son John, her husband Capt. Edward Johnson, and states that her son John, with whom she dwelt, had taken care of her since her husband was deceased, and was entitled to all, because she judged it was his due. She died March 7, 1689–90.

Children, all born in Canterbury, England:

2. i. EDWARD,[2] bapt. Nov. 7, 1619; m. Feb. 10, 1649–50, Katherine Baker.
3. ii. GEORGE, bapt. Apr. 3, 1625; m. Katherine ———.
   iii. SUSAN, bapt. Apr. 1, 1627; m. James Prentice of Cambridge. Children: *James*, *Susan*, *Hannah*, etc.
4. iv. WILLIAM, bapt. Mar. 22, 1628–9; m. May 16, 1665, Esther Wiswall of Dorchester.
   v. MARTHA, bapt. May 1, 1631; m. Mar. 18, 1649–50, John Amee of Boston. Children: *John*, and others recorded in Boston. The eldest dau. was mentioned in her grandfather Edward's will.
5. vi. MATTHEW, bapt. Mar. 30, 1633; m. (1) Nov. 12, 1656, Hannah Palfrey; m. (2) Oct. 23, 1662, Rebecca Wiswall.
6. vii. JOHN, bapt. May 10, 1635; m. Apr. 28, 1657, Bethia Reed.

2. EDWARD[2] JOHNSON (*Capt. Edward*[1]), baptized Nov. 7, 1619, in Canterbury, England, married, Jan. 10, 1649–50, Katherine Baker, sister of John Baker of Boston. (REGISTER, vol. 15, p. 125.) She was aged 58, in 1684; and died Jan. 7, 1700–1701. He died Sept. 15, 1692. The will of Edward Johnson of Charlestown, shipwright, dated June 22, 1692, probated June 12, 1693, names wife Katherine;

*Compare W. R. Cutter, in Hurd's *Hist. of Middx. County*, vol. i, p. 339, etc.; "Winchester Press," April 26, 1901, and many other authorities.

sons Edward, William, and John (if living); and daughter Katherine Taylor, and her two sons Richard Taylor and John Taylor. His brother Major William Johnson, and his daughter Katherine, he appointed overseers of his will.

Children:

i. EDWARD,[3] b. in Woburn, Nov. 5, 1650. (See Wyman's "Charlestown Genealogies and Estates," p. 560.)

ii. WILLIAM.

iii. JOHN, m. Aug. 2, 1693. Margaret, dau. of Edward and Sarah (Hobart) Cowell of Boston, who m. (2) Sept. 30, 1697, Samuel Haugh, and d. in 1719. They had: *John*,[4] b. June 11, 1694, in Boston; d. 1726; m. July 3, 1716, Abigail Parsons, who m. (2) Jan. 25, 1727, Capt. Benjamin Williams, and resided in Easton. *John*[4] and Abigail had: 1. Abigail,[5] b. 1717; d. Nov. 7, 1791, aged 75; m. (1) Sept. 24, 1751, Jonas Leonard; m. (2) May 21, 1759, Col. Thomas Doty. 2. John, d. July 21, 1794, aged 73. 5 mo.; m. Mary ———; resided in Kingston, Mass. 3. Margaret, b. Feb. 19, 1723; m. (1) int. Feb. 19, 1739, Richard, son of William Francis, who d. Sept., 1749, aged 44; m. (2) Oct. 22, 1752, William More, who d. Aug. 4, 1765; m. (3) Richard Sylvester. She was living in 1772.

iv. KATHERINE, m. John Taylor. (See Wyman's "Charlestown," pp. 559, 933.)

3. GEORGE[2] JOHNSON (*Capt. Edward*[1]), baptized Apr. 3, 1625, in Canterbury, England, married Katherine ———, who survived him. He died in Somerset County, Maryland, in 1681. He had a son *George*[3] and a daughter *Katherine*, who are mentioned in their grandfather Capt. Edward Johnson's will. George Johnson's will, recorded in liber 2, folio 190–194, Prerogative Court of the Province of Maryland, was proved Dec. 23, 1681, and is dated Nov. 23, 1680. In it he names his wife Katherine, and mentions a moiety of a house in the city of Canterbury, co. Kent, Eng., which he gives to the eldest child of his brother John, living in Woburn, in New England. He remembers the eldest child of his sister Susan, by a gift which he has received from the estate of his father, and a debt due from his brother Edward in New England, which he bequeaths to the same person. He gives to the eldest child of his brother William, in New England, a house in Canterbury, Eng., and in a parish called Altidge [Alphege], over against the Bishop's palace, that "was left me by my father, Edward Johnson, after the decease of my grandfather, William Johnson." He names the eldest child of his daughter Katherine, the wife of John Godding, and in the event of her decease without issue, her legacy is given to the second child of "my brother John Johnson." He mentions the eldest child of his son George, and in the event of that child having no issue, that person's legacy was given to the second child of his sister, formerly called Susanna Prentice, alias Johnson. He also mentions the youngest child of George Johnson of Muddy Creek in Accomack. (See vol. I. of the "Maryland Calendar of Wills" for a printed abstract of the will.)

4. WILLIAM[2] JOHNSON (*Capt. Edward*[1]), baptized Mar. 22, 1628–9, in Canterbury, England, married, May 16, 1655, Esther, or Hester, daughter of Elder Thomas Wiswall of Dorchester and Newton. She died Dec. 27, 1707. He attained to high civic office, was one of the magistrates or assistants of the Colony, and a military officer of the several ranks from ensign to major. He resisted, at the risk of im-

prisonment, the spirit of royal aggression in the days of Andros. He commanded, until superseded by an officer deputed by the government, a detachment of about 300 men, assembled in arms at Billerica, on the night of Aug. 23, 1695, because of the killing or capture of fifteen persons by the Indians at that place. A thorough search of the country to the northward by this detachment, with William Johnson as second in command, failed to discover the enemy anywhere in force, and the men who had assembled from Woburn and its neighboring towns were dismissed. He was the second recorder or clerk of the town, and held many town offices. His career may be carefully traced in the records.* He died May 22, 1704, in Woburn. His will, dated May 10, 1695, probated Sept. 11, 1704, names wife Esther; sons, William, Edward, Ebenezer, Benjamin, Josiah, and Joseph; daughters, Esther Wyman, and Susanna and Abigail Johnson; his son William's wife, and her father Gardner; grandchildren, William, eldest son of his son William; Benjamin and Noah, sons of his son William; Edward, son of his son Edward; the twins of his son Ebenezer; his daughter Esther Wyman's four daughters and her son Seth Wyman; Esther, Mary, and Hannah, daughters of his son William; his son Ebenezer's two daughters; his son Edward's three daughters, and his son Edward's second son.

Children, born in Woburn:

7. i. WILLIAM,[3] b. Feb. 26, 1656.
8. ii. EDWARD, b. Mar. 19, 1658.
9. iii. EBENEZER, b. Mar. 29, 1660.
   iv. ESTHER, b. Apr. 13, 1662; m. Dec. 17, 1685, Lieut. Seth Wyman; d. Mar. 31, 1742.
   v. JOSEPH, b. June 14, 1664.
10. vi. BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 15, 1666.
11. vii. JOSIAH, b. Jan. 15, 1669.
   viii. SUSANNA, b. June 29, 1671; m. June 6, 1704, Daniel Reed, as his second wife.
   ix. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 4, 1674; m. June 14, 1705, Samuel Pierce.

5. MATTHEW[2] JOHNSON (*Capt. Edward*[1]), baptized Mar. 30, 1633, in Canterbury, England, married first, Nov. 12, 1656, Hannah, daughter of Peter Palfrey of Salem and Reading, who died Aug. 1, 1662; and married second, Oct. 23, 1662, Rebecca, daughter of Elder John Wiswall of Boston, who died Dec. 25, 1709. He was a sergeant and lieutenant in Woburn. He died July 19, 1696, aged 62. His will, dated Nov. 3, 1693, probated Aug. 17, 1696, names wife Rebecca; eldest son, Matthew; sons Samuel and Henry; daughters, Rebecca, Hannah, Ruth, Sarah, and Lydia; and his brother Major William Johnson.

Children by second wife, born in Woburn:

   i. REBECCA,[3] b. Mar. 1, 1665; m. 1692, Samuel Wyman.
12. ii. MATTHEW, b. Mar. 18, 1667.
   iii. HANNAH, b. Apr. 23, 1669; m. Samuel Simonds.
13. iv. SAMUEL, b. Apr. 28, 1672.
   v. RUTH, b. Jan. 1, 1675; m. Jan. 10, 1697, John Reed.
   vi. SARAH, b. Apr. 14, 1677; m. Jan. 17, 1699–1700, Daniel Reed; d. 1703.
   vii. LYDIA, m. Samuel Blogget.
14. viii. HENRY, b. Apr. 7, 1683.

6. JOHN[2] JOHNSON (*Capt. Edward*[1]) was baptized May 10, 1635, in Canterbury, England, and died in Canterbury, Conn. He married, Apr.

* Compare Hurd's *Hist. of Middx. Co.*, i., 352, 378.

26, 1657, Bethia, daughter of William and Mabel Reed. She died in Canterbury, Conn., about 1718. In 1712, Obadiah Johnson, of Canterbury, proposed to the town of Woburn to take his aged father, John Johnson, then under the care of a physician, for lameness, and his own mother, Bethia Johnson, and maintain both.

Children:

i. JOHN,[3] b. Jan. 24, 1659; m. Mary, dau. of William Carley of Lexington.
ii. BETHIA, b. Jan. 20, 1660; m. (1) Jonathan Knight of Cambridge; m. (2) —— Woolcott, of Cambridge, 1697.
iii. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 29, 1662; of Canterbury, Conn.
iv. OBADIAH, b. June 15, 1664; of Canterbury, Conn.
v. JOSEPH, b. about 1666.*
vi. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 29, 1670.
vii. NATHANIEL, b. May 15, 1673.

7. WILLIAM[3] JOHNSON (*Maj. William.*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Feb. 26, 1656, married Esther, daughter of Richard and Anna (Blanchard) Gardner. She died Dec. 17, 1706, in her 48th year (gravestone); and he died Jan. 10, 1730, in Woburn.

Children:

15. i. WILLIAM,[4] b. Mar. 28, 1686.
ii. ESTHER, d. Nov. 16, 1710.
iii. MARY, d. 1710.
iv. HANNAH, m. May 24, 1722, Joseph Davis of Mansfield, Conn.
16. v. BENJAMIN.
17. vi. NOAH.
vii. RUTH, m. May 2, 1723, Thomas Robbins of Charlestown; d. June 27, 1737, in her 35th year (gravestone at Cambridge).

8. CAPT. EDWARD[3] JOHNSON (*Maj. William.*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Mar. 19, 1658, married first, Jan. 12, 1687, Sarah, daughter of Samuel† and Sarah (Reed) Walker, who died May 31, 1704; and married second, Abigail (Gardner) Thompson, widow of James Thompson and daughter of Richard and Anna (Blanchard) Gardner.‡ He was an ensign, lieutenant, and captain of a Woburn military company, between 1693 and 1724, per tax lists, and a deacon of the church. He appears to have succeeded his father, Major William Johnson, as captain of the local company, in 1700. He commanded the company in the winter of 1704, when Major James Converse, of his regiment, was detaching men for active service against the Indians, and posting them in the more exposed towns. The snow was so deep that travel could only be effected on snow-shoes. Orders had come to muster 60 men at an hour's notice. Converse did what he could by sending his lad to Capt. Johnson, and other officers, with orders to raise the above number, notwithstanding there were not snow-shoes enough in the town, by one third, to supply a force of this size.‖ He died Aug. 7, 1725, in Woburn.

His will, dated Aug. 5, 1725, probated Sept. 3, 1725, names wife Abigail; sons Edward, Samuel, and Joseph; and daughters Sarah

* Per his testimony in the suit of his father, John[2] Johnson, *vs.* John Mills of Boston, 1684. (*Middx. Co. Court Files.*)

† Samuel[2] Walker, in his will, dated July 5, 1699 (REGISTER, vol. 57, p. 352), mentions Edward, Sarah, Esther, Samuel, and Abigail, children of his daughter Sarah Johnson.

‡ Aunt of Jeremiah Bumstead of Boston. (Diary in REGISTER, vol. 15, p. 305.)

‖ *Winchester Press*, Nov. 8, 1901.

Simonds, Esther Stearns, Abigail Richardson, Susanna Jones, and Elizabeth Winn.

Children by first wife:

i. EDWARD,[4] b. Oct. 12, 1687; d. Jan. 3, 1688.
18. ii. EDWARD, b. May 4, 1689.
iii. SARAH, m. (1) John Simonds; m. (2) Samuel Richardson.
iv. ESTHER, b. Jan. 26, 1694; m. 1716,* John Stearns of Billerica.
19. v. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 21, 1696.
vi. ABIGAIL, m. Dec. 1[1], 1717, Timothy Richardson.
vii. SUSANNA, b. Jan. 14, 1701; m. May 23, 1722, Samuel Jones; resided in Wilmington and Marlborough.
viii. ICHABOD, b. Apr. 22, 1703; killed May 8, 1725, in Lovewell's Fight. Of six Woburn men in Lovewell's company, one was killed and three were wounded.

Children by second wife:

ix. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 6, 1705; m. Jan. 1, 1723, Joseph Winn. Resided at Nottingham West, N. H.
20. x. JOSEPH, b. June 22, 1708.

9. EBENEZER[3] JOHNSON (*Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Mar. 29, 1660, married, Apr. 13, 1691, Sarah, daughter of Ensign Joseph and Rebecca (Reed) Winn of Woburn. She died Oct. 23, 1733. On July 17, 1690, the Council ordered that Mr. Ebenezer Johnson of Woburn and Lieut. Barber of Medfield be immediately sent unto, requested, and impowered, "for ye Rayseing and Conducting of friend Indians . . . to ye Number of Two hundred, for the Strengthing of ye force in ye Eastern pts." (*Mass. Archives*, vol. 81, p. 95.)

He was a sergeant, per tax lists, from 1693 to 1736, and a selectman, 1699, 1709, '13, '16. He died March 17, 1737.

Children:

i. EBENEZER,[4] b. Apr. 11, 1692; d. Apr. 14, 1692.
ii. SARAH, b. Sept. 28, 1693.
iii. ABIGAIL, b. June 13, 1697; m. (1) Jan. 24, 1717, Oliver Farmer of Billerica; m. (2) May 27, 1766, Capt. James Lane of Bedford; d Feb. 25, 1773, a. 75.
21. iv. EBENEZER, b. Sept. 7, 1699.
v. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 7, 1699; d. Feb. 11, 1708.
22. vi. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 9, 1702.
23. vii. TIMOTHY, b. July 15, 1705.
viii. REBECCA, d. Dec. 10, 1739, aged about 31 years (gravestone).
24. ix. WILLIAM.

10. BENJAMIN[3] JOHNSON (*Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Oct. 15, 1666, married, Nov. 22, 1699, Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Wyman) Walker of Billerica. He died Apr. 22, 1733; and she died Jan. 17, 1749. He was known as sergeant from 1700 to the time of his death. His house was that occupied later by the Rev. Thomas Jones, and the latter's successors, the Marrett and Sewall families. The house was destroyed by fire on Apr. 23, 1897. He gave, on June 3, 1732, to the Second Precinct of Woburn (now Burlington), land for a meeting-house, at a place called Forest Field Hill, "near to my dwelling-house, on the road leading to Sandy Bridge." (*Midd. Co. Deeds*, vol. 36, p, 295.)

* "About January," 1716. (*Records.*)

Children:

25. i. BENJAMIN,[4] b. Oct. 8, 1700.
    ii. JOSIAH, b. July 28, 1702; m. Elizabeth ——; resided in Billerica.*
26. iii. SETH, b. Apr. 23, 1707.
    iv. SARAH, b. Mar. 19, 1709; m. David Comee of Lexington.
    v. HANNAH, b. Sept. 7, 1710.
    vi. ESTHER, b. Feb. 2, 1715; m. Oct. 21, 1736, John Wood.

11. JOSIAH[3] JOHNSON (*Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Jan. 15, 1669, married first, Jan. 24, 1706, Martha Whitmore of Medford, who died Aug. 25, 1716, aged 30; and married second, Deborah (Fifield) Jackson, widow of Lieut. John Jackson of Cambridge, and daughter of Giles and Judith (Carter-Converse) Fifield of Charlestown. She died Feb. 5, 1724; and he died Dec. 16, 1739.

Children by first wife:

    i. MARTHA,[4] b. Nov. 3, 1706; m. Gershom Flagg.
    ii. ABIGAIL, b. Apr. 4, 1708; m. July 24, 1728, Zurishaddai Pierce.
27. iii. JOSIAH, b. Feb. 24, 1710.
28. iv. FRANCIS, b. Feb. 13, 1712.
    v. HANNAH, b. Aug. 19, 1716; m. Nov. 16, 1743, Benjamin Tufts of Medford; d. Feb. 2, 1796, aged 80.

Child by second wife:

29. vi. GILES, b. Apr. 12, 1718.

12. MATTHEW[3] JOHNSON (*Lieut. Matthew,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Mar. 18, 1667, married first, Dec. 12, 1695, Mary, daughter of George and Hannah (Rockwell) Reed of Woburn, who died Oct. 4, 1703; and married second, Nov. 30, 1704, Alice Ward, who died July 31, 1727; and married third, Hannah, daughter of John Trask of Beverly. He died Aug. 8, 1740. His will, dated June 3, 1737, probated Sept. 1, 1740, mentions wife Hannah; daughters, Mary Knight, Hannah Cooper, and Sarah Blogget; and grandson Matthew Johnson. His widow Hannah was executrix, with the assistance of her brother Nathaniel Trask of Lexington.

Children:

    i. MARY,[4] b. Sept. 12, 1696; m. Nov. 1717, Ebenezer Knight.
    ii. HANNAH, b. [illegible] 28, 1699; m. (1) Oct. 21, 1725, John Cooper of Cambridge; m. (2) [illegible] int. Sept. 30, 1738, Benjamin Crackbone.†
30. iii. MATTHEW, b. Sept. 3, 1702.
    iv. SARAH, b, Sept. 15, 1703; m. May 14, 1722, John Blogget.

13. SAMUEL[3] JOHNSON (*Lieut. Matthew,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Apr. 28, 1672, married Mary ——. He removed to Lancaster, where he died about 1740. His inventory, dated Feb. 19, 1739–40, mentions land in Woburn, and other articles there. (*Worcester Co. Prob.*, 33651.)

Children:

    i. SAMUEL,[4] b. July 7, 1705; of Dorchester; was admr. of the estate of his father, Samuel Johnson of Lancaster, in 1740. It was prob-

* He was the Josiah Johnson, of Woburn, who, being a volunteer in the service under Capt. Lovewell at the fight at Piggwackett, in 1725, was then wounded by the enemy in his right arm, which wound gave him much trouble. He received an allowance from the Province. He petitioned for aid several times. (*Mass. Archives*, vol. 72, pp. 310–312, 462.) Latterly, he calls himself of Billerica. He was allowed a pension. (*Ibid*, vol. 72, p. 646; *Prov. Laws*, x., 656.)

† The will of Benjamin Crackbone of Cambridge, dated Mar. 19, 1767, names his wife Hannah, his sister Abigail Champney, his wife's sister Sarah Blodgett, and his nephew Ebenezer Champney.

ably he who m. Mary Snow, in Lancaster, July 25, 1734. On Mar. 5, 1739, he, then of Boston, calling himself a soldier, conveys land in Lancaster to Daniel Johnson [his brother] of Boston, tailor. He m. Aug. 16, 1739, Rebecca Niles of Dorchester, and had a son *Henry*,[5] b. in Dorchester, Sept. 6, 1740, who is mentioned in the will of Henry Johnson [14]. In 1740 and 1741, Samuel Johnson of Dorchester, Mary Johnson of Scituate, Daniel Johnson of Lancaster, Joshua Johnson of Lancaster, and Mary Johnson of Lancaster, widow of Samuel [13], convey land in Lancaster to Eleazer Flagg, of Boston, retailer. (*Worcester Co. Deeds*, vol. 14, pp. 309, 310, 312, 315, 455.)

ii. Mary, b. Jan. 8, 1707; of Scituate, Mass., in 1740.
iii. Daniel, b. Aug. 20, 1708; of Boston and Lancaster.
iv. Joshua, b. Apr. 17, 1712; of Lancaster.
v. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 20, 1717; not living in 1740.

14. Henry[3] Johnson (*Lieut. Matthew*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Apr. 7, 1683, died in 1754. His will, dated July 9, 1751, probated Sept. 30, 1754, mentions his kinsman Henry Johnson, grandson of "my brother" Samuel Johnson, late of Lancaster, deceased; his sister Lydia Blogget; Samuel Wyman, son of his sister Wyman, deceased; Rebecca Richardson, daughter of his sister Wyman, deceased; the other children of his brothers and sisters; Rev. Mr. John Fox; Rev. Mr. Edward Jackson; Zebadiah Richardson, son of his kinsman Thomas Richardson of Woburn. His friend Francis Johnson was named executor, but declined, and Benjamin Johnson was appointed in his place. In a citation are named as the nearest of kin: John Reed, Thomas Richardson, Jonathan Richardson, Oliver Richardson, Samuel Wyman, Thomas Skelton, Daniel Reed, Sarah Blogget, and Hannah Crackbone.*

15. William[4] Johnson (*William*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Mar. 28, 1686, married first, Jan. 1, 1708, Sarah, daughter of Richard and Sarah (Greenleaf) Dole of Newbury, who died Oct. 14, 1710, aged 29, in Woburn; and married second, Hannah, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Patten) Davis of Billerica (*Middx. Co. Prob.*, vol. 25, p. 156). He removed with his family from Woburn to Mansfield, Conn., where he died Feb. 29, 1752.

Children by first wife:

i. Sarah,[5] b. May 3, 1709; m. John Noyes of Newbury.
ii. Dole, b. Sept. 30, 1710; m. Hannah ——; d. Aug. 12, 1745, in Harvard, Mass.

Children by second wife:

iii. William, b. Mar. 27, 1718; m. Jan. 26, 1748, Abigail Freeman; resided in Mansfield, Conn.
iv. Hannah, b. Mar. 31, 1719.
v. Joseph, b. Apr. 28, 1720; m. Abigail Slafter; resided in Mansfield, Conn.†
vi. Enoch, b. Sept. 16, 1721.
vii. Rebecca, b. Apr. 8, 1723; m. as his third wife, Prince Freeman of Mansfield, Conn.‡
viii. Hezekiah, b. May 12, 1724; m. Dorothy Slafter of Mansfield, Conn.; d. at Norwich, Vt.†

* In a deed dated Jan 21, 1712, Henry Johnson, of Woburn, conveys his homestead, which "was the homestead of my father, Lieut. Matthew Johnson, dec'd." (*Middx. Co. Deeds*, vol. 16, p. 204.) The bounds of this estate indicate that this homestead was located on the corner of Pond and Cambridge Streets, Winchester. The late Edmund Parker's place represents the spot.

† See "Memorial of John Slafter."

‡ See "Freeman Genealogy," pp. 74, 76.

ix. AZARIAH, b. Nov. 18, 1726.
x. ESTHER, b. Dec. 30, 1727.
xi. EXPERIENCE, b. July 19, 1729.
xii. MARY, b. Dec. 21, 1730.
xiii. RUTH, b. May 5, 1732.

16. CAPT. BENJAMIN[4] JOHNSON (*William.*[3] *Maj. William.*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]) married Rebecca ———. He resided in Woburn and Leicester. The births of his first two children are on the records of both towns. He died Jan. 23, 1771, in Spencer, Mass. His will, dated Jan. 21, 1771, allowed Feb. 25, 1771, mentions his wife; the children of his daughter Mary Bemis, late of Spencer, deceased; the children of his daughter Rebecca Lynds, late of Leicester, deceased; his daughter Abigail Prouty of Spencer; grandsons Benjamin Bemis, Jr., Benjamin Prouty, Johnson Prouty, and Johnson Lynds, the last named being his executor. (*Worcester Co. Prob.*, 33282.) The will of Rebecca Johnson, his widow, dated Sept. 29, 1780, names her daughter Abigail Prouty, wife of John Prouty. Among her heirs were Allen Newhall, William White, and Esther White. (*Worcester Co. Prob.*, 33629.)

Children:

i. REBECCA,[5] b. May 4, 1719; m. May 1, 1740, David Lynd of Leicester.
ii. ESTHER, b. May 8, 1721; not living at the date of her father's will.
iii. MARY, b. Apr. 30, 1724; m. Nov. 11, 1742, Samuel Bemis, Jr., of Leicester.
iv. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 15, 1726; m. Oct. 9, 1745, John Prouty of Leicester.

17. NOAH[4] JOHNSON (*William.*[3] *Maj. William.*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born either in Woburn or Charlestown; married Elizabeth ———. He was notable as the last survivor of Lovewell's fight. He was a sergeant in Lovewell's company in 1725, and a resident of Dunstable; latterly he resided in Pembroke and Plymouth, N. H. He died Aug. 13, 1798, in Plymouth, N. H. His age at the time of death was claimed to be 99 years, 6 months, 11 days (compare REGISTER, 7: 63, 69; Sewall's *Woburn*, 207; Loring and Cutter's "Woburn Men in the Indian and Other Wars," pp. 7, 8; *Columbian Centinel*, Oct. 24, 1798), and has been stated as high as 104 years. He served 28 weeks and 2 days in Capt. Jabez Fairbank's company in His Majesty's Service, in 1723 and 1724, his residence being stated as Woburn. He was a member of a company commanded by Capt. Eleazer Tyng, of Dunstable, from June 10 to Nov. 10, 1725. A newspaper notice of old date, calling him Deacon Johnson, contains a considerable account of what he himself used to tell of his own experience in Lovewell's fight.* This notice, with some other interesting particulars, states that he was born

* "Near its close, while he was in the act of aiming his gun at an Indian, a bullet whistling from the woods entered the back of his left hand, and going through it, entered the palm of his right, passed up his arm to near the elbow and there lodged. His gun dropped to the ground, and he was entirely disabled, but did not feel or perceive the wound in his left hand. It was a bright, hot day, and almost fainting with the heat and thirst he stooped to drink at a rivulet. The wound in his right hand and arm, which pained him keenly, prevented his bowing to the surface of the water to drink; he attempted to dip some up in the hollow of his left hand, when he discovered the bullet hole in it by the water trickling through it."—(*Diary of Lieut. Samuel Thompson of Woburn*, p. 61.)

at Woburn, in March, 1699. Allowance was made for him by the Province for wounds and losses. (*Prov. Laws*, x: 656–57.) He removed to Suncook, now Pembroke, N. H., about 1735. This township was granted to soldiers of Lovewell's company. Here he took a prominent place in forming the settlement, and was deacon of the church. He returned to Dunstable in 1746, where he resided as late as 1781, when he removed to Plymouth, N. H.

Children:

i. ELIZABETH,[5] b. Oct. 3, 1728; m. Col. Joseph Senter, of Centre Harbor and Plymouth, N. H.

ii. NOAH, b. May 27, 1730; was a soldier in the French and Indian Wars, serving several enlistments, and in 1755 and 1756 was a lieutenant under Capt. Robert Rogers, in Ranger service.*

iii. EDWARD, b. June 6, 1733; d. before 1761.

18. DEA. EDWARD[4] JOHNSON (*Capt. Edward*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born May 4, 1689, married first, Rebecca, daughter of Capt. William and Abigail (Kendall) Reed of Lexington; married second, Dec. 13, 1750, Esther (Mason) Coolidge, widow of Capt. Joseph Coolidge and daughter of Joseph and Mary (Fisk) Mason of Watertown; and married third, Feb. 19, 1755, Sarah (Simonds) Wilson, widow of Samuel Wilson and daughter of James and Susanna (Blogget) Simonds of Woburn, who died Mar. 12, 1775, aged 80 years. He was corporal, 1715; ensign, 1716–32; lieut., 1733–40; and deacon of the Woburn Second Parish Church,† 1741–74. He died Oct. 5, 1774.

Children, all by first wife:

i. REBECCA,[5] b. Apr. 22, 1712; m. Feb. 24, 1736, Ebenezer Wyman.

ii. MARY, b. Oct. 26, 1713; m. June 3, 1735, Enoch Richardson.

iii. EDWARD, b. Sept. 28, 1715; resided in Berlin, Mass.

iv. JOSHUA, b. Feb. 16, 1717; resided in Berlin, Mass.

v. ELEAZER, b. Feb. 27, 1719; resides in Berlin, Mass.

31. vi. JONATHAN, b. June 13, 1720.

vii. NATHAN, b. Nov. 11, 1721; m. (int. Sept. 30, 1749, he then of Leominster), Abigail Walker of Woburn; resided in Leominster.

viii. ABIGAIL, b. July 15, 1723; m. (1) June 5, 1744, Samuel Wilson; m. (2) Nov. 10, 1761, Simeon Spaulding of Chelmsford.

ix. ICHABOD, b. Dec. 23, 1724; d. about 1758.

x. LUCY, b. Jan. 3, 1726.

xi. JONAS, b. Jan. 17, 1728; d. in the army, at Lake George, in 1755.

xii. ASA, b. Feb. 16, 1729; m. Feb. 22, 1753, Tamar Whitcomb.‡

xiii. SUSANNA, b. Oct. 23, 1730; m. May 2, 1753, Joshua Kendall.

*Letter of Hon. Ezra S. Stearns. See also Rogers's *Journal*, pp, 18, 24. The son Noah was killed, and the son Edward is said to have been killed, in the French and Indian War. Noah was a lieutenant and later a captain in Rogers's Rangers, serving in that perilous service five years. In an engagement with the enemy near Lake Champlain, in the early summer of 1760, he "was wounded through the body, a second shot through his left arm and a third in his head." A vessel was dispatched to Crown Point, but he died on the passage. His estate was probated in 1761, and in the final settlement it was stated that his sister Elizabeth and his father were the only heirs. It has been stated erroneously that Noah Johnson, the father, was an officer in the French war. Edward was deceased before 1761. He was a soldier in Massachusetts regiments, credited to Dunstable, in the campaigns of 1755, 1756, and 1757. Fox's Dunstable says he was killed in the service.

† "1737

Sept^r 29th At a Chh meeting, Voted that Mr Edward Johnson should Read & Set the Psalm." Memorandum on fly leaf of "The Records of the Second Church of Christ in Woburn, Oct. 1735—Oct. 1827." These records were destroyed in the fire referred to on page 9.

‡ Of Leominster. See "Descendants of John White," vol. 2, p. 753; and White Family Quarterly, vol. i., pp. 111–112, etc.

19. SAMUEL[4] JOHNSON (*Capt. Edward,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Feb. 21, 1696, married first, Feb. 19, 1724, Mary, daughter of William and Rebecca Butters, who died Aug. 7, 1730; married second, Dec. 23, 1731, Judith (Walker) Kendall, widow of Ephraim Kendall, of Wilmington, and daughter of Samuel and Judith (Howard) Walker of Woburn, who died Mar. 20, 1742; married third, published Jan. 1, 1742 or 1743, Mrs. Priscilla Emery of Billerica; and married fourth, Dec. 25, 1751, Hannah Wyman, widow of Timothy Wyman and daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Winn) Wyman. He died in 1764. His will, dated Jan. 29, 1761, probated Dec. 3, 1764, mentions wife Hannah; son Samuel; grandson Reuben, son of his son Reuben, late of Woburn, deceased, he to pay the other heirs of his father; daughter Mary Boutwell; daughter Abigail; and son Edward, who was the executor. William Butters of Wilmington, in his will, dated in 1737, mentions his two grandchildren, the children of his daughter Mary Johnson, deceased.

Children by first wife:

32. i. SAMUEL,[5] b. May 18, 1725.
33. ii. REUBEN, b. May 12, 1727.

Children by second wife:

iii. MARY, b. Jan. 22, 1733; named in her grandfather Samuel Walker's will (REGISTER, 57: 355); m. Nov. 4, 1756, James Boutwell of Wilmington.

Children by third wife:

34. iv. EDWARD, b. Oct. 23, 1743.
v. ABIGAIL, bapt. July 13, 1746; d. Oct. 29, 1808, aged 62 (gravestone in Hollis, N. H.); m. Sept. 18, 1764, Jesse Wyman of Billerica, who d. Apr. 16, 1801, aged 64 (gravestone in Hollis, N. H.).

20. JOSEPH[4] JOHNSON (*Capt. Edward,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born June 22, 1708, married first, July 5, 1739, Sarah, daughter of James and Sarah (Trask) Thompson, of Woburn Second Parish; and married second, Apr. 10, 1760, Ruth (Pierce) Kendall, widow of Ephraim Kendall and daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Wilson) Pierce, who died Sept. 11, 1778, aged 63 years. Of the three Joseph Johnsons residing in Woburn Second Parish during the Revolutionary period, this one was the second in point of age, and so long as he lived he was called "Junior." He was admitted a member of the Precinct Church, Mar. 20, 1768, and belonged to the alarm list of Walker's local militia company, on Mar. 9, 1776. Of this company, Joseph Johnson, Jr., probably he, was lieutenant, 1790. Lieut. Joseph Johnson, Jr., belonged to Kimball's, formerly Walker's company, in Woburn Second Precinct, in 1782. He died Oct. 3, 1793, aged 85 years, 3 months.

Children by first wife:

i. ABIGAIL,[5] b. Dec. 30, 1741.*
35. ii. ABIATHAR, b. Nov. 2, 1743.
iii. SARAH, b. Oct. 25, 1745.
iv. SUSANNA, b. Aug. 5, 1748; m. Nov. 25, 1773, Joseph Kimball; d. in Francestown, N. H., Mar. 31, 1823.

*The following is a reference to this Abigail: Abiathar Johnson, of Woburn, conveys to Daze Skelton, on May 8, 1789, "the second wall pew as you go in at the fore door at the left hand in the Second Parish Meeting-House," reserving for Abigail Johnson a right in the pew during her lifetime.—(*Middx. Co. Deeds,* 100

21. EBENEZER[4] JOHNSON (*Sergt. Ebenezer*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Sept. 7, 1699, married, May 19, 1725, Sarah, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Merriam) Stearns of Billerica, who died May 24, 1779. He died in Nov., 1756. His will, dated May 13, 1756, probated Nov. 22, 1756, mentions wife Sarah; sons Ebenezer, James, and William; daughter Sarah, wife of Reuben Johnson; daughters Ruth, Rebecca, and Joanna Johnson. He also mentions the fact of his "being about to go into his Majesty's service in the Expedition formed against Crown Point." In a return of Capt. William Peabody's company, in Col. Plaisted's regiment, dated Aug. 13, 1756, is the name of Ebenezer Johnson, age 45, born in Woburn; residence, Woburn; enlisted, Salem; Col. Fowle's company and regiment; reported sick. His age is evidently understated. In a muster roll of Capt. William Peabody's company, Crown Point Expedition, in 1756 (*Mass. Arch.*, vol. 95, p. 100), Ebenezer Johnson, residence Woburn, time of service, Apr. 22 to Nov. 3, 28 weeks, is reported dead. He died, therefore, about Nov. 3, 1756.*

Children:

36. i. EBENEZER,[5] b. Sept. 3, 1726.
ii. SARAH, b. Sept. 20, 1728; m. Reuben Johnson [33].
37. iii. JAMES, b. May 8, 1731.
38. iv. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 25, 1733.
v. OBADIAH, d. Oct. 23, 1736, aged 1 yr. 7 mos. 15 ds.
vi. RUTH, b. Dec. 3, 1733; m. Nov. 23, 1758, Nathaniel Dunklee of Billerica.
vii. REBECCA, b. Mar. 31, 1742; m. Jan. 22, 1765, Isaac Burton.†
viii. JOANNA, b. June, 1747; d. Dec. 5, 1803, in Billerica, aged 54 yrs. 6 mos.; m. Feb. 2, 1768, John Skelton, who d. June 10, 1821, in Billerica, aged 76 yrs. 5 mos.

22. LIEUT. JOSEPH[4] JOHNSON (*Sergt. Ebenezer*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Feb. 9, 1702, married, May 8, 1734, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Sarah (Heywood) Baldwin of Billerica, who died Dec. 31, 1780, aged 78 years, 7 months. He died June 29, 1798, aged 97 years. His gravestone is found in the Burlington burying-ground. The Rev. Mr. Marrett says that Lieut. Joseph Johnson died of fever and old age. He was admitted to the Precinct church (Burlington) June 29, 1740. He was the eldest of the three Joseph Johnsons residing in that part of Woburn during the period of the Revolutionary War, and one of the most prominent citizens of the Second Parish. He was a corporal of Woburn militia in 1734, a lieutenant in 1751, and was always known afterwards by the title of Lieutenant. The latest regular mention of military officers by title in the Woburn tax lists in his time was in 1792. He was on the alarm list, Walker's company, Mar. 9, 1776. It was he, evidently, who as 1st lieut. of Walker's company was returned as reported commissioned on May 6, 1776. (*State List*, 8: 854). His commission as 1st lieut. of the 8th company, 2d regt., Middlesex County, dated May 6, 1776, is extant. He was a lieutenant from Walker's company, in service for 2 mos. at Cambridge, guarding stores, from about Oct. 1 to the last of Nov. 1777,

* Diary of Lieut. Samuel Thompson of Woburn, pp. 36, 43.

† Isaac Burton died July 9, 1784, aged 42 yrs. 4 mos. He was a corporal, ensign, and 2d lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, and resigned the last named office in 1777. His widow was living in Woburn Second Parish in 1791.

and he commanded the detachment of 20 Woburn men engaged in that duty. It was probably he who was 1st lieut. of Capt. John Dix's company, Col. McIntosh's regiment, Gen. Lovel's brigade, engaged July 30, 1778, discharged Sept. 12, 1778, service 1 mo. 17 days, on the expedition to Rhode Island, including 4 days (71 miles) travel home (*State List*, 8: 854), Town Order Military Service, Sept. 21, 1778. There is preserved a paper containing the proceedings of a general court-martial, held at Concord, June 29, 1779, in which a complaint is brought by Lieut. Joseph Johnson of Woburn, against Col. Jonathan Fox, for an alleged violation of the 13th section of the militia law. He was 75 years old, if he was the one who was recommissioned in 1776. A paper dated from the hospital at "Paupasquash," R. I., about 15 miles from Newport, in 1778, signed by "Jona. Arnold, director," gave Lieut. Johnson, of Col. McIntosh's regt., "unfit for present duty," leave of absence on a furlough of six days. (REGISTER, 36: 79–80.)

Children:

i. SARAH,[5] b. Mar. 17, 1735 (rec. 1734); m. Aug. 18, 1759, Joseph Kendall; d. Sept. 16, 1775, aged 40 years. (REGISTER, 39: 22.)

39. ii. JOSEPH, b. Nov. 7, 1738.

iii. ELIZABETH, b. May 22, 1741; m. May 10, 1768, Thomas Skelton, Jr.

iv. SIBYL, b. Dec. 15, 1747; m. June 27, 1768, Jonathan Carter; d. his widow, Nov. 17, 1797, aged 54 yrs., per record.

23. TIMOTHY[4] JOHNSON (*Sergt. Ebenezer,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born July 5, 1705, married, Nov. 11, 1734, Mary, daughter of John and Rebecca (Reed) Wyman. He removed from Woburn to Bedford.

Children:

i. MARY,[5] b. July 30, 1735; m. Nov. 17, 1757, John Wyman of Cambridge.

ii. JEMIMA, bapt. May 15, 1737; d. Nov. 1, 1798, aged 63 yrs. 8 mos.

iii. TIMOTHY, bapt. Feb. 25, 1739; d. probably in 1784, unmarried.

iv. ABIGAIL, bapt. July 5, 1741; d. in Burlington, Sept., 1806, aged 64 yrs. (records).

v. A CHILD, bapt. Apr. 15, 1744.

vi. SUPPLY, bapt. May 26, 1751.

vii. ISABEL, m. Apr. 24, 1770, Thomas Dean, Jr.

viii. REBECCA, m. July 18, 1772, Jonas Dean.

ix. ESTHER [perhaps v.], m. Nov. 8, 1770, Jonathan Cook of Cambridge.

24. WILLIAM[4] JOHNSON (*Sergt. Ebenezer,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), whose birth is not on record, married Elizabeth, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Wilson) Pierce, who died Dec. 3, 1795, aged 83 years, 3 months. He was on the alarm list of Walker's Woburn co., 1776; a member of that company on Lexington Alarm, Apr. 19, 1775, for six days' time. He was a member, also, of Capt. Jonathan Butterfield's co., for service at Crown Point, for thirty-four weeks, from Mar. 30 to Nov. 22, 1759. He died intestate, Aug. 3, 1793, aged 83 years, 4 months; his inventory was dated Jan. 2, 1794.

Children:

i. ELIZABETH,[5] b. Dec. 10, 1736; m. Dec. 13, 1757, Jonathan Lawrence; resided in Ashby, where she d. Dec. 26, 1782, aged 46 yrs.

ii. KATHERINE, b. Sept. 15, 1738.

iii. OLIVE, b. Apr. 16, 1740; m. Mar. 18, 1762, William Barron of Wilmington, who with his wife and two children, *Micah* and *Olive*,

from Dunstable, were at her father's on Aug. 12, 1765 (*Woburn Warnings*); moved to Lyndeborough, N. H. (*Burlington Church Records.*) He d. in 1805; and she d. May 23, 1815, aged 75 yrs.

40. iv. William, b. Oct. 2, 1742.
v. Ruth, b. Aug. 19, 1744.
vi. Jerusha, b. July 18, 1746; m. May 27, 1766, Simeon Kenney of Middleton, who d. Jan. 18, 1804, aged 60 yrs. 4 mos.
vii. Jonathan, b. Sept. 19, 1751.
viii. Micah, b. June 18, 1754.

25. Capt. Benjamin[4] Johnson (*Sergt. Benjamin,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Oct. 8, 1700, married first, Apr. 10, 1728, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Judith (Howard) Walker of Woburn, who died June 5, 1762, or '63; and married second, Feb. 14, 1765, Mary (Pierce) Wyman, widow of Solomon Wyman and daughter of John and Mary (Parker) Pierce. He was captain of a company in the Crown Point Expedition, his residence being stated as Woburn, and term of service from Sept. 8, 1755, to Jan. 3, 1756, 16 wks. 6 ds. (*Mass. Archives*, vol. 94, p. 81.) A bill against the Province for Benjamin Johnson and company contains various items relating to his subsistence and other matters, and shows that he lost his gun and a sword in the service, and certain articles of clothing. (*Ibid*, vol. 94, p. 82.) As one of the four selectmen of Woburn, he signed a census of Woburn in 1764. (*Ibid*, vol. 88, pp. 268–269.) He was styled captain in the alarm list of Walker's co., Woburn Second Precinct, Mar. 9, 1776. He died May 4, 1781, aged 80 years, 7 months.

In the settlement of his estate, his heirs by agreement were the appraisers. His widow was Mary, and the heirs as follows: Mary Johnson; Shubael, Abijah, sons; Mercy (Mary) Sheldon, Judith Johnson, Kezia Wyman, Ruth Cutler, daughters; Abram Sheldon, Amos Wyman, James Johnson, and Silas Cutler, sons-in-law. Account allowed Apr. 4, 1782.*

Children, all by first wife:

i. Joel,[5] b. Jan. 31, 1729; d. Sept. 4, 1758.†
ii. Mary, b. Nov. 6, 1730; m. (1) Dec. 31, 1751, Eli Wyman, who d. Feb. 4, 1771; m. (2), as his fourth wife, Abraham Sheldon.
41. iii. Azel, b. July 9, 1732.

* The public spirit of this family in giving land at Burlington Centre for public purposes was further exemplified by this Benjamin Johnson giving land for a burying-place. The deed, dated June 26, 1769, sets forth that Benjamin Johnson, gentleman, "in consideration that it is the practice of the people in New England in the several towns and parishes . . . to have some convenient piece of land appropriated for a burying-place to bury their dead out of their sight, and . . . a considerable number of the inhabitants of the Second Parish in Woburn [having] lately been at the charge of making a stone wall all around one certain piece of land situate in the Second Parish in Woburn, near the House of Public Worship . . . [and] some part of said land [having] been used nearly forty years for a burying-place already, only upon sufferance," conveys the above lot on condition that the stonewall be maintained, etc. (*Middx. Co. Deeds*, 69: 381.)

† A petition of Joel Johnson of Woburn to the General Court, Jan. 5, 1748, states that on or about Mar. 28, 1747, he was impressed and sent into the country service and posted at Ashuelot Fort, under the command of Captain Willard, where he continued until June 16, 1747, when, being in a scout consisting of fourteen men, near Fort Dummer, was taken captive with divers others, by a party of the French and English enemy, and stripped of the most of his apparel, and a gun, and carried to Canada, and suffered great abuse by the Indians there, running the gantlet, etc., and continued in said captivity until the beginning of Sept., 1747, when, being released, he took his journey homewards, and arrived home on Oct 2, 1747, in a very ill state of health. He asks for relief. (*Mass. Archives*, vol. 73, p. 304.)

iv. JUDITH, b. Feb. 26, 1734; m. (1) July 9, 1755, David Wilson of Bedford; m. (2) Dec. 3, 1761, James Johnson [37].
v. BENJAMIN, b. Apr. 12, 1736; d. June 21, 1756, when at college.*
42. vi. SHUBAEL, b. Mar. 12, 1738.
vii. KEZIAH, b. Apr. 9, 1741; m. (1) June 25, 1761, Jacob Kendall; m. (2) Feb. 2, 1779, Amos Wyman of Billerica; m. (3) Oct. 22, 1799, Ebenezer Richardson of Billerica, as his seventh wife. She d. Nov. 13, 1814, aged 75 yrs., per records.
viii. RUTH, b. June 1, 1743; m. Oct. 31, 1765, Silas Cutler; resided in Templeton; d. Apr. 4, 1802.
43. ix. ABIJAH, b. June 13, 1745.
x. ENOCH, b. May 12, 1748; d. Apr. 13, 1750.

26. SETH[4] JOHNSON (*Sergt. Benjamin.*[3] *Maj. William.*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Apr. 23, 1707, married Mary, born Nov. 8, 1714, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Stone) Cutler of Lexington.

The following eight children are on record at Woburn. A Seth and Mary Johnson, of Billerica, had a child, Jess, born there Mar. 16, 1756. (*Hazen.*)

Children:

i. MARY,[5] b. Feb. 24, 1734; m. (1) Apr. 16, 1752, Joseph Wyman, Jr., of Pelham, N. H.; m. (2) John Wells.
ii. MARTHA, b. Feb. 24, 1734; m. Sept. 20, 1752, Solomon Wood.†
iii. SETH, b. Nov. 23, 1736.
iv. SILAS, b. Jan. 24, 1739; d. July 6, 1743, aged 3 yrs. 5 mos. 10 ds. (record).
v. AMOS, b. Feb. 16, 1743.
vi. SILAS, b. July 18, 1745.
vii. ABEL, b. May 28, 1748.
viii. JONAS, b. June 16, 1750.

27. MAJ. JOSIAH[4] JOHNSON (*Josiah.*[3] *Maj. William.*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Feb. 24, 1710, married first, Hannah, daughter of Dr. David and Mary Wood of Boxford; and married second, Aug. 5, 1771, Susanna (Kendall) Brooks, widow of Benjamin Brooks and daughter of Lieut. Samuel and Elizabeth Kendall of Woburn (REGISTER, 30: 21; 58: 132), who died his widow, Dec. 19, 1808, aged 86 years, per record.

He was a justice of the peace, commissions dated, 1755, 1761; and major of the 2d Middlesex County regiment. In 1768, Matthew Johnson, as ensign, received cash of "Major Johnson's company," to purchase colors. He was commonly called "The Esquire." He was captain of the 1st co. of Woburn militia (better known afterwards as Capt. Belknap's co.) on Apr. 30, 1775, and he is mentioned by this title in a contemporary item of Dec. 27, 1775. The field-officers of a regiment at that period were selected from the captains of companies, and the field-officer, in a sense, retained the command of his own company, his first lieutenant acting as captain in his stead; hence, we hear of the col.'s co., the lt.-col.'s co., and the major's co. A letter of his has been preserved, which is of great value upon the events in Woburn of 1775. He was taxed in the West List of the town. He was representative from Woburn in the third Provincial Congress, 1775. A resolve of the Second

* "Monday afternoon last, Benjamin Johnson, a student at Harvard College, son of Capt. Johnson of Woburn, going into water at Cambridge, sunk and was drowned near the bridge." (*Boston Gazette*, June 28, 1756.)

† Solomon Wood died of small pox, in the army at the Jerseys, Mar. 16, 1776. The widow of the late Solomon Wood died Jan. 18, 1803, aged 70 years. (*Marrett.*)

Provincial Congress, May 12, 1775, appointed him, and eight others, to take a third set of the depositions relative to the battle of Lexington, similar to two sets taken by them previously. He served on important committees in the third Provincial Congress. He died of fever, Dec. 25 [24], 1784, aged 75 years. His will, dated Jan. 3, 1783, probated Feb. 10, 1785, names wife Susanna; eldest son Josiah; sons David, Daniel, and Isaac; and daughter Hannah. It mentions such articles as a silver cup, leading staff, books of history, law and divinity, and a gun and bayonet.

He represented Woburn in the General Court, 1756–58, 1766, 1775.

Children, all by first wife:

44. i. JOSIAH,[5] b. Feb. 26, 1736.
ii. HANNAH, b. May 14, 1740.
45. iii. DAVID, b. Jan. 7, 1742.
iv. MARTHA, b. Dec. 30, 1743.
46. v. DANIEL, b. Sept. 6, 1746.
47. vi. ISAAC, b. Oct. 6, 1749.

28. FRANCIS[4] JOHNSON (*Josiah*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Feb. 13, 1712, married, Jan. 23, 1741, Sarah, daughter of Capt. Seth and Sarah (Ross) Wyman of Woburn, who married second, Mar. 9, 1791, at Littleton, James Dutton of Littleton, and died June 22, 1802, aged 79 years.

Francis Johnson died intestate in 1783. His inventory mentions 148 acres of land, with buildings. His heirs had received in advance a certain sum, and agreed to abide by the decision of the court. The apportionment, dated Mar. 29, 1783, mentions widow Sarah, and six sons and three daughters. The children's names, from the apportionment, were Francis, eldest son, Seth, John, Frederic, Josiah, Noah, Sarah, Esther, and Susanna.

Children:

i. SARAH,[5] b. Dec. 4, 1743; m. Apr. 27, 1769, Samuel Tay.*
48. ii. FRANCIS, b. Apr. 2, 1746.
iii. JOHN, b. Aug. 14, 1748; d. in childhood.
49. iv. SETH, b. Dec. 8, 1750.
v. ESTHER, b. May 3, 1753; m. Sept. 15, 1776, Jonathan Eastman, as his second wife; resided in Concord, N. H.; d. Sept. 17, 1834.
50. vi. JOHN, b. Feb. 14, 1757.
51. vii. FREDERIC, b. Mar. 29, 1759.
viii. JOSIAH, b. Apr. 25, 1761; d. July 14, 1786, aged 24 yrs.
ix. NOAH, b. June 3, 1763; d. Sept. 14, 1784, aged 22 yrs.
x. SUSANNA, bapt. Sept. 22, 1765; d. Apr. 21, 1786, aged 21 yrs.

29. GILES[4] JOHNSON (*Josiah*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Apr. 12, 1718, married, intention recorded Nov. 6, 1740, Abigail, daughter of Lieut. Israel and Hannah (Wyman) Reed of Woburn, who died Nov. 25, 1760.

Children:

52. i. GILES,[5] b. Oct. 12, 1741.
ii. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 9, 1743.
iii. ELIZABETH, b. May 11, 1745.

* Samuel Tay died Nov. 2, and was buried Nov. 4, 1804. He was lieut. 1775; capt. 1776; and major, 1784. He commanded fifty Woburn men who marched, July 26, 1776, in an expedition to Canada, or Crown Point, for a service of 5 mos. He was also a captain in service for 3 mos., 1781.

iv. HANNAH.*
v. ISRAEL, b. Sept. 22, 1749.
vi. LUCY, b. Aug. 28, 1752.
vii. ROXANNA, b. Oct. 14, 1755.

30. MATTHEW[4] JOHNSON (*Matthew,*[3] *Lieut. Matthew,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Sept. 3, 1702, married, Sept. 28, 1727, Ann Tuttle of Boston. He died Jan. 12, 1730; and she died his widow, Mar. 17, 1785.

Feb. 13, 1729 [1730?], Anna Johnson, widow, was appointed administratrix of her husband Matthew Johnson, Jr.'s, estate, and Jonathan Tuttle of Boston was on her bond. Ann (Tuttle) Johnson, in her petition of 1778, states that Matthew [30, i.] was her son and only child, "dying about 2 years since," that he by will gave what he had to his wife, enjoining her to give his mother a comfortable support out of the same. By 1778, she, the wife, had also deceased. Anna Johnson, widow, in her will, dated Jan. 4, 1781, probated Dec. 8, 1785, gives to Lucy Holland, daughter of Jupiter and Phillis Holland, all the estate which she is to come into possession of at the decease of her father and mother; improvement of same to the aforesaid Jupiter and Phillis during their lives. Before her death, she was accounted *non compos*, and a guardian was appointed. Her death was caused by her being "burnt" (Town and First Parish Records). One account says she died Mar. 19, 1785, and was buried Mar. 20.

Child:

i. MATTHEW,[5] b. Sept. 27, 1728; m. (int. Dec. 13, 1750) Hannah Kendall. He d. Dec. 11, 1775; and she d. in 1778, per admini-tration. She, as widow of Matthew and sole devisee and executrix, died intestate, without heirs and without completing her trust. The will of Matthew, dated Aug. 16, 1774, probated Nov. 26, 1776, gives to wife Hannah all of his estate, and orders her to provide for his mother Anna Johnson, during her life. He also names George Bruce, son of George, as his apprentice. Hannah Johnson, widow, was taxed in the Woburn West List, till 1777. For service of this Matthew Johnson in the French war in 1757, see "Diary of Lieut. Samuel Thompson," p. 37. He was constable in 1770, 1771, and 1772, per a remarkable account-book kept in his handwriting. He was an ensign of Woburn militia in 1768, when he bought the colors for "Major Johnson's company."

31. JONATHAN[5] JOHNSON (*Dea. Edward,*[4] *Capt. Edward,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born June 13, 1720, married, intention recorded Sept. 12, 1748, Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Simonds) Wilson of Woburn, who died Oct. 20, 1805, aged 83 years, in Burlington, Mass. He was of Leominster when he married. In 1759, at the age of 38, he was impressed for service in the French war. (*Thompson's Diary*, p. 32.) He was one of the alarm list of Walker's company in 1776, and served one day at Lexington, in that company, on Apr. 19, 1775. He died Nov. 30, 1793, aged 73 years, 5 months.

Children:

53. i. JONATHAN,[6] b. Feb. 1, 1751.
54. ii. JOTHAM, b. Nov. 28, 1753.
iii. SARAH, bapt. Aug. 8, 1756.

* Hannah Johnson, aged 10 years, daughter of Giles Johnson, from Woburn, in the family of Benjamin Parker, June 16, 1758. (*Medford Warnings.*) A Hannah Johnson, of Medford, married, July 12, 1779, Simon Bradshaw of Medford.

iv. Sarah, b. May 24, 1759.
v. Lucy, b. Nov. 4, 1761; m. Jan. 22, 1784, Gen. John Walker. (Register, 57: 355.)
55. vi. Ichabod, b. Sept. 6, 1764.

32. Samuel[5] Johnson (*Samuel,*[4] *Capt. Edward,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born May 18, 1725, married, intention recorded May 15, 1745, Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel and Abigail (Locke) Kendall of Woburn, who died Sept. 27, 1778, aged 50 years. He was a member of Walker's company, at Lexington, Apr. 19, 1775, was of the Alarm list of that company in 1776, and was drafted to man the lines at Roxbury, in July, 1776. He died Apr. 12, 1789, aged 65 years.

Children:

i. Elizabeth,[6] b. Apr. 12, 1747; m. June 8, 1769, William Young.
56. ii. Samuel, b. Jan. 20, 1749.
iii. Sarah, b. [Jan. 26] Apr. 20, 1752; m. Nov. 29, 1770, John Bruce, Jr., and d. June 21, 1822.
iv. Abigail, b. Apr. 26, 1757; m. Nov. 11, 1773, Thomas Gleason; d. Dec., 1807, in Burlington, Mass.
v. Rhoda, b. Aug. 20, 1759; m. July 2, 1778, Jonas Reed.*
vi. Olive, b. Aug. 18, 1762; m. July 29, 1779, James Reed.
57. vii. John, b. May 10, 1764.
58. viii. Jesse, b. Aug. 27, 1767.

33. Reuben[5] Johnson (*Samuel,*[4] *Capt. Edward,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born May 12, 1727, married Sarah, daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Stearns) Johnson of Woburn [21, ii.]. On Mar. 27, 1759, at the age of 32, he was impressed from Woburn for Col. Eleazer Tyng's regiment; was enlisted Mar. 30, 1759, at Dunstable; and took the oath of fidelity Apr. 19, 1759. He had seen previous service at Lake George, per the roll, when he was in Capt. Gideon Parker's company, Col. Nichols's regiment, in 1758. (See *Lieut. Thompson's Diary*, pp. 32, 51.) He died in 1760 or 1761; and she died Apr. 12, 1809, aged 80 years, in Burlington.

Children:

59. i. Reuben.[6]
ii. Abiel. "Abial" Johnson was one of the men to have guns from the Woburn town stores, July 7, 1778; was a member of Col. Gerrish's regt. of guards for 5 mos. service, in 1778; and was a corporal in the same regt. for 3 mos., at Boston, in 1779. He was still a resident of Woburn in 1782.
iii. Sarah, m. Dec. 20, 1768, Eliphaz Wyman; d. Nov. 8, 1786, aged 38 yrs.
iv. Lydia, m. Jan. 14, 1773, Jonathan Jaquith of Wilmington.
v. Mary, or Molle, b. Apr. 10, 1756; m. Oct. 2, 1777, Jesse Dean;† d. May 11, 1821, aged 65 yrs (gravestone).
vi. Lucy, m. June 17, 1779, James Carter of Wilmington.‡
34. Edward[5] Johnson (*Samuel,*[4] *Capt. Edward,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Oct. 23, 1743, married, Oct. 31, 1765, Mary Godfrey of Woburn. They removed about 1779, with his nephew Samuel [56], to that part of Old Dunstable known as the One Pine Hill District. Edward Johnson and his nephew Samuel appear on the muster roll of Capt. Reuben Dow's company of minute-men

*Jonas Reed removed to Ashburnham. His wife died Jan., 1830, aged 70 yrs. (Stearns's *Ashburnham*, p. 863.)

†Lieut. Jesse Dean and wife Molly, and children named James, Polly, and Jesse, and an apprentice boy named Willard Jones, last from Wilmington, Nov. 24, 1788.—*Woburn Warnings.*

‡James Carter was living in Woburn Second Parish in 1793.

who marched from Hollis, N. H., April 19, 1775, on the Lexington alarm. He died of small-pox, in 1779, and his widow married second, Mar. 13, 1781, Lemuel Wright of Hollis, N. H.

Children:

i. MILES,[6] b. Apr. 18, 1767, in Woburn.

ii. LIEUT. EDWARD, b. in 1774; d. Dec. 22, 1857, aged 83 yrs.; m. Nov. 13, 1796, Sally, b. Feb. 12, 1773, d. Apr. 13, 1847, aged 74 yrs., dau. of John and Sarah (Johnson) Bruce of Woburn. They had eight children.

1. *Abigail*,[7] b. Jan. 20, 1800; d. May 12, 1864.
2. *Lucinda*, b. July 25, 1806; d. Dec. 19, 1887.
3. *Noah*, b. 1807; d. Jan. 27, 1884, aged 76 yrs; m. Nov., 1840, Letitia Margaret, daughter of William and Elizabeth (McQuesten) Claggett of Londonderry, N. H. Their son: Judge Edward Francis[8] Johnson, b. Oct. 21, 1842, in Hollis, N. H.; d. Oct. 27, 1896, in Marlborough, Mass.; m. June 1, 1870, Belle Gertrude Carleton of Lynn, Mass., dau. of Stephen and Jane Elizabeth (Kneeland) Carleton. Had: (1) Mabel,[9] b. Aug. 2, 1871; m. Oct. 21, 1896, Dr. Frederick Glazier Smith of Somerville, Mass. (2) Lettice, b. Oct. 21, 1872; d. May 19, 1874. (3) Elizabeth, b. June 6, 1874. (4) Grace, b. Nov. 23, 1875; m. June 29, 1904, James T. Letteney of Nashua, N. H.
4. *Fanny*, b. Sept. 17, 1810; d. Jan. 4, 1885.
5. *Edward*, b. Oct. 13, 1813; d. in 1868, aged 55 yrs.; see Worcester's History of Hollis, N. H., p. 320.
6. *Mary*, m. ——— Boutell.
7. *Sally*, m. Dec. 31, 1818, Joseph Patch.
8. *Eliza*, m. Oct. 30, 1823, Joel Hardy.

35. ABIATHAR[5] JOHNSON (*Joseph Jr.*,[4] *Capt. Edward*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Nov. 2, 1743, married, July 9, 1767, Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Ruth (Reed) Skelton. He was located in the North School District of Woburn Second Parish in 1791, and was living in that Parish in 1798. He served in Capt. Walker's company for 8 days time on Lexington Alarm, Apr. 19, 1775, and belonged to the 3d Foot company in Woburn, commanded by Capt. Timothy Winn, on May 13, 1775.

Children:

i. ABIATHAR,[6] b. Jan. 19, 1768 [m. Apr. 24, 1793, Meribah Fuller; d. Oct. 3, 1834].*

ii. SARAH (b. probably in 1770), bapt. Nov. 19, 1775.

iii. WILLIAM, b. Apr. 29, 1772; m. July 19, 1796, Sarah Twist.

iv. JOSEPH, bapt. Dec. 10, 1775 [removed to Windham, Vt.].*

v. A CHILD [ABIGAIL]*, d. Sept. 5, 1778, aged 2 yrs.

vi. LEVI, bapt. July 26, 1778.

36. EBENEZER[5] JOHNSON (*Ebenezer*,[4] *Sergt. Ebenezer*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Sept. 3, 1726, married, Apr. 30, 1756, Deborah Bowles of Ipswich. He resided the most of his life in Woburn Second Parish.†

In 1766 he was of Falmouth, Cumberland County, Maine, per a deed (*Middx. Co. Deeds*, 71: 229) in which the dower of his wife Deborah is released. Deborah Johnson, evidently his widow, mar-

* The matter in brackets is supplied from other than Woburn sources.

† He lived evidently in Woburn near the Billerica, Bedford and Woburn Line. On May 19, 1768, he, then of Woburn, conveys, with wife Deborah, to James Bennett of Woburn, land in Woburn and Billerica. (*Middx. Co. Deeds*, 74: 627.)

ried, Dec. 3, 1778, Joseph Kendall (REGISTER, 39: 22), and died Sept. 26, 1788, aged 55 years.

Children:

i. OBADIAH,[6] b. Feb. 2, 1757; of Bedford, Mass., in 1775.
ii. EBENEZER, bapt. Apr. 8, 1759; of Bedford, in 1775.
iii. JOHN, bapt. July 11, 1762; of Bedford, aged 18 yrs. in 1780.
iv. RUFUS, b. May 17, 1764; of Bedford, aged 16 yrs. in 1780.
v. EUNICE, bapt. May 7, 1769.

37. JAMES[5] JOHNSON (*Ebenezer,*[4] *Sergt. Ebenezer,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born May 8, 1731, married, Dec. 3, 1761, Judith, widow of David Wilson of Bedford, and daughter of Capt. Benjamin and Mary (Walker) Johnson of Woburn [25].

He was private in Capt. David Green's company, for the relief of Fort William Henry, in August, 1757 (*Lieut. Thompson's Diary,* p. 31), and was in Gideon Parker's company, Col. Nichols's regiment, 1758 (*Ibid,* p. 51). He was at Lexington with Walker's company, on Apr. 19, 1775; a member of the 3d Foot company in Woburn, under Capt. Timothy Winn, May 13, 1775; and was drafted from Walker's Woburn company for 3 months duty in Massachusetts, in 1778. He was living in Woburn Precinct in 1783.

James Johnson of Templeton was appointed administrator of the estate of his father James Johnson of Burlington, on Apr. 16, 1800.

Children:

i. JAMES,[6] bapt. Nov. 2, 1766; belonged to Walker's co. in 1780 and 1781; was under 21 yrs. of age in 1782; removed to Templeton.
ii. MARY, bapt. Nov. 2, 1766.
iii. NOAH, bapt. Nov. 2, 1766.

38. WILLIAM[5] JOHNSON, JR. (*Ebenezer,*[4] *Sergt. Ebenezer,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Feb. 25, 1733, married, July 9, 1760, Sarah, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Carter) Kendall of Woburn. He removed to Acton about 1770, and was afterwards of Westford, Littleton, and Ashby.

Children:*

i. WILLIAM,[6] b. Feb. 20, 1761.
ii. NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 8, 1762.
iii. SARAH, b. Feb. 8, 1764; m. Peter Whitcomb.
iv. MARTHA, b. Sept. 23, 1765.
v. ANNA, b. Aug. 19, 1767.
vi. LUCRETIA, b. July 11, 1769.
vii. BETTY.
viii. LYDIA.

39. JOSEPH[5] JOHNSON (*Lieut. Joseph,*[4] *Sergt. Ebenezer,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Nov. 7, 1738, married, Jan. 31, 1765, Rebecca, daughter of Thomas and Martha (Richardson) Hosley of Billerica, who died Dec. 27, 1826. She was admitted a member of the Precinct Church, Sept. 22, 1765. He was the third of the several Joseph Johnsons of the Revolutionary period. He was called "fourth" when admitted a member of the Precinct Church, Nov. 27, 1768; and was the Joseph Johnson chosen Deacon of the Second Precinct Church, Aug. 2, 1775, he being called "third" by the Pastor. He was called "3d," as Ensign of Capt. Walker's

* These children were among the heirs of Nathaniel Kendall of Woburn, in 1776.

company, for 7 days time, in Lexington Alarm Rolls (*State List*, 8: 855); and was sergeant in the 3d Foot company of Woburn, under the command of Capt. Timothy Winn, May 13, 1775. He was located in the West School District, Woburn Second Parish, 1791. He died Oct. 14, 1797, aged 59 years. His will, dated July 19, 1797, probated Nov. 8, 1797, appoints his friend Samuel Thompson, Esq., of Woburn, and nephew Joseph Kendall, executors; names wife Rebecca, father Joseph Johnson, and George Kenney, a lad living with him; orders executors to care for his aged father; gives $100 to Church of Christ, Second Parish in Woburn, after decease of his father and his wife; gives legacy to Sally Johnson Heath; names sisters Elizabeth Skilton, and Sibyl Carter; nephews, Joseph Johnson Carter and Joseph Kendall; and nieces Sarah Wyman and Rhoda Harrington.*

40. WILLIAM[5] JOHNSON (*William*,[4] *Sergt. Ebenezer*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Oct. 2, 1742, married, Mar. 10, 1767, Abigail, daughter of Jonathan and Abigail (Farmer) Richardson of Billerica, who died Jan. 25, 1803, aged 62 years, in Burlington. He was called "third" in 1767 and 1768, and at the time of the Revolution he was called "junior." He was in Capt. Walker's company at Lexington, Apr. 19, 1775, and one of the 3d Foot company in Woburn, under Capt. Timothy Winn, May 13, 1775. On July 5, 1776, he was drafted for Canada, and went for himself and his father in this draft; and was reported absent from Woburn, in that expedition to Canada, for 5 months, July 26, 1776. He was located in West School District, Woburn Second Parish, in 1791. He died Nov. 24, 1803, aged 61 years, in Burlington.

Children;

i. ABIGAIL,[6] b. Oct. 28, 1767; m. May 31, 1787, Timothy Walker;† resided in Medford and Charlestown.

ii. CATHERINE, b. Jan. 31, 1770; m. Sept. 22, 1795, Jacob Kendall of Boston.

41. AZEL[5] JOHNSON (*Capt. Benjamin*,[4] *Sergt. Benjamin*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born July 9, 1732, married, Oct. 13, 1757, Rebecca, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Simonds) Wilson of Woburn. He served in the French War, at the age of 26, in Col. Tyng's regiment, in 1759, having previously served in 1757. His services in the Revolution were extensive. He was at Lexington, Apr. 19, 1775; a member of Capt. Winn's 3d Foot company, May 13, 1775; was in the two months service in the militia, in 1776; and drafted from Capt. Walker's company for the northward army, in August, 1777, when, with two others, he hired a substitute, but went himself, being evidently the man hired. He was first corporal in Capt. Abraham Foster's company on this term of service. He had also served in Col. Baldwin's regiment in 1775. A deed dated May 10, 1781 (*Middx. Co. Deeds*, 85: 360), shows that he had removed to Chesterfield, Cheshire County, N. H. His name was not included in the list of his father's heirs, because he had sold his interest to his brother Shubael. He died previous to 1810, in Chesterfield, N. H.

* Farrington (REGISTER, 39: 22).
† REGISTER, 57: 355.

Children:

i. Rebecca,[6] b. June 1, 1758.
ii. Benjamin, b. Feb. 29, 1760.
iii. Azel, b. Nov. 27, 1762; m. Aug. 24, 1788, Rebecca Brown of Leicester, at which time he was of Chesterfield, N. H. His military service is given quite fully in Woburn sources of information. He was living in Athens County, Ohio, in 1833, and was a pensioner. His pension claim shows that he served as his father's substitute for three months; again served in 1780; and there were other services.
iv. Amy, b. (Nov. 10, 1762?), perhaps in 1764.
v. Joel, b. June 14, 1769.
vi. Jonas, b. Feb. 13, 1772.
vii. Sarah, b. —— 17, 1774.
viii. Nathan, b. Oct. 12, 1776.

42. Shubael[5] Johnson (*Capt. Benjamin*,[4] *Sergt. Benjamin*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Mar. 12, 1738, married, Dec. 9, 1760, Mary, daughter of Lieut. Nathaniel and Abigail (Bruce) Cutler of Woburn. He was a private in the company of which his father was captain, in 1755. (*Lieut. Thompson's Diary*, p. 37.) He served one day in Capt. Walker's company at Lexington, Apr. 19, 1775; belonged to the 3d Foot company in Woburn, Capt. Timothy Winn, May 13, 1775; and to Walker's company, again, in 1782. He, with wife Mary, and children named Shubael, Mary, Enoch, and Thana [Fanny], from Chesterfield, N. H., were at the house of Benjamin Johnson, dec'd, Feb. 27, 1782. (*Woburn Warnings.*) He was living in Woburn on Mar. 3, 1786. (*Town Records*, 10: 472.) He removed to Templeton, Mass.

Children:

i. Shubael,[6] b. Mar. 31, 1762.
ii. Mary, b. Sept. 1, 1764.
iii. Enoch, b. Apr. 19, 1767.*
iv. Fanny, b. Apr. 2, 1770.

43. Abijah[5] Johnson (*Capt. Benjamin*,[4] *Sergt. Benjamin*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born June 13, 1745, married, May 7, 1765, Mary, daughter of George and Mary (Wood) Reed of Woburn. He was located in the West School District, Woburn Second Parish, in 1791; was in Walker's company at Lexington, for six days time, in 1775; belonged to the 3d Foot company in Woburn, Capt. Timothy Winn, May 13, 1775; and a corporal in Col. Paul Dudley Sargent's regiment, Capt. John Wood's company, enlisted May 23, 1775, which regiment was in the battle of Bunker Hill. Another service was that of six weeks at Rhode Island, under Capt. Dix, in 1778. He died May 10, 1809, aged 64 years, in Burlington.

Children:

i. Martha,[6] b. Feb. 23, 1767.
ii. Milly, b. Mar. 1, 1767.
iii. Abijah, b. July 20, 1769; of Rindge, N. H., in 1803; d. Oct. 2, 1819. (Stearns's *Hist. of Rindge*, p. 580.)†

* Of Templeton, in 1793.

† Abijah[6] Johnson of Rindge, N. H., married Betsey (Bemis, or Greenwood?), who died in Lowell, Mass. Their children were: Lucy,[7] b. July 20, 1797, in Newton, Mass., m. Joseph M. Dodge of Newburyport, Mass., int. Feb. 24, 1821, at Waltham; Rebecca, b. Sept. 16, 1798, in Little Cambridge, Mass., d. 1819; Cyrus, b. Oct. 5, 1800, in Burlington, Mass., he of Pelham, N. H., m. Harriet Tilden, int. Aug. 20, 1823, at Waltham; William, b. Feb. 13, 1803, in Burlington, Mass., m. Sophia Gay of Stough-

iv. MARY, b. July 8, 1772.
v. ASA, b. Nov. 25, 1774; of Rindge, N. H., per deeds in 1805 (*Middx. Co. Deeds*, 161: 144, 145; and see Stearns's *Hist. of Rindge*, p. 580.) The m. int. of Asa Johnson and Sally Perry, both of Concord, was pub. Nov. 2, 1798. (*Concord Records.*) His widow, Sarah, was of Westford in 1817.
vi. PHEBE, b. Apr. 4, 1776.
vii. LUTHER, b. Sept. 12, 1779. (See Wyman's *Charlestown*, p. 562, No. 58.)
viii. CYRUS, b. Sept. 8, 1781. (See Wyman's *Charlestown*, p. 562, No. 56.)
ix. LUCY, b. Aug. 4, 1785.

44. JOSIAH[5] JOHNSON (*Maj. Josiah*,[4] *Josiah*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Feb. 26, 1736, married, Dec. 2, 1760, Sarah, daughter of Henry and Lucy (Fowle) Gardner of Woburn, who died Nov. 28, 1830, aged 88 years. He served in Capt. Benjamin Edwards's company, from May 4 to Nov. 20, 1762. (*Lieut. Thompson's Diary*, p. 30.) He was taxed in the West List, and was a sergeant in the first company of Woburn militia, under his father as captain, Apr. 30, 1775. He was drafted from Capt. Belknap's company, for the northward army, August, 1777, but did not go, and presumably hired a substitute. Some trouble regarding the settlement of his account is presented in a document which is still preserved. He died June 9, 1807, aged 71 years.

Children:

i. SARAH,[6] b. Mar. 11, 1762; m. Sept. 5, 1782, Obadiah Kendall, Jr.; d. Jan. 23, 1843, aged 81 yrs.
ii. MARTHA, b. Dec. 20, 1763; m. Oct. 13, 1783, Jacob Pierce; d. Oct. 2, 1849, aged 86 yrs.
iii. JOSIAH, b. Jan. 19, 1766; m. Apr. 10, 1800, Betsey Moore; d. Feb. 16, 1844.
iv. JESSE, b. June 22, 1768; d. Mar. 8, 1846, aged 78 yrs.
v. HANNAH, b. May 20, 1770; d. Jan. 22, 1795, aged 25 yrs.
vi. RUEL, b. June 12, 1772; m. Lucretia Wadsworth of Rochester; d. in Charlestown.
vii. LUCY, b. July 19, 1776; d. Jan. 1, 1864.
viii. BETSEY, m. July 28, 1807, Josiah Symmes of Medford; d. Jan. 21, 1857, aged 78 yrs.
60. ix. EZEKIEL, b. Aug. 18, 1781.
61. x. LEVI, b. Dec. 22, 1783.

45. DAVID[5] JOHNSON (*Maj. Josiah*,[4] *Josiah*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Jan. 7, 1742, married first, Jan. 10, 1765, Mary, daughter of Enoch and Mary (Johnson) Richardson, who died May, 1802; and married second, Dec. 12, 1805, Mrs. Betty (or Elizabeth) Russell, who died Oct. 30, 1823, aged 82 years. He was taxed in Woburn West List; was a member of Capt. Belknap's company on Apr. 19, 1775; and was of the first company of Woburn militia, commanded by his father, Apr. 30, 1775. He died Sept. 18, 1827, aged 87 years, and his will, dated Apr. 17, 1815, probated Oct. 4, 1827, names wife Betsey; grandsons, Edmund Parker, Jr., and Thaddeus and David Johnson Parker; and granddaughter Mary Parker, who, in 1819, married Dana Fay.

ton, Mass.; Charity, b. June 5, 1805, in Rindge, N. H., m. (1) ——— Mitchell, m. (2) ——— Collier; Phebe, b. Mar. 17, 1808, in Rindge, m. Jonathan Perry of Dover, Mass.; Augustus, b. Dec. 8, 1810, in Rindge, d. unmarried, a mariner; Eliza, b. June 21, 1813, in Rindge, m. 1849, Asahel Davis; Sophronia, b. Nov. 9, 1815, in Rindge, m. Ari Davis, resided in Lowell, Mass.

Child:

i. LYDIA,[6] m. Apr. 5, 1790, Edmund Parker; d. Feb. 3, 1801.

46. DANIEL[5] JOHNSON (*Maj. Josiah,*[4] *Josiah,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Sept. 6, 1746, married, Dec. 20, 1770, Joanna, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Pollard of Billerica, who died Oct. 7, 1842, aged 92 years. He was a member of the first company of Woburn militia, Apr. 30, 1775; and was taxed in the West List. He died intestate, June 14, 1784, aged 37 years. His inventory shows estate inherited from his father, Josiah Johnson, Esq. Joanna Johnson was administratrix, and Benjamin Pollard was her attorney.

Children:

i. JOANNA,[6] b. Sept. 9, 1771.
ii. SUSANNA, b. June 14, 1777; d. Oct. 20, 1867, aged 90 yrs. 4 mos.
iii. DANIEL, b. Feb. 27, 1781; d. July 30, 1842, aged 61 yrs.
iv. ISAAC, b. Dec. 13, 1784; m. May 22, 1806, Ruth Burt of Wilmington.

47. ISAAC[5] JOHNSON (*Maj. Josiah,*[4] *Josiah,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Oct. 6, 1749, married first, Mar. 29, 1768, Judith Pierce, and married second, May 11, 1783, Sarah, daughter of Jacob and Ann (Nutt) Wyman, who died May 30, 1805, aged 65 years. He was taxed in Woburn West List; was a member of the 1st company of Woburn militia, Apr. 30, 1775; and received payment from the town for a tour of military service at Rhode Island, in July, 1778. He died Feb. 19, 1816, aged 68 years.

Children:

i. ISAAC,[6] b. Nov. 19, 1768; d. Dec, 4, 1784.
ii. MARTHA, b. July 17, 1771.
iii. HANNAH, b. Aug. 25, 1773.
iv. MARY, bapt. Nov. 19, 1775.

48. FRANCIS[5] JOHNSON (*Francis,*[4] *Josiah,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]) born Apr. 2, 1746, married, June 27, 1771, Abigail, daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth (Fowle) Brooks of Woburn, who died Jan. 1, 1835, aged 84 yrs. (REGISTER, 58: 129.) He was taxed in the West List; served at Lexington in Belknap's company from Woburn, Apr. 19, 1775; and belonged to 1st company of Woburn militia, Apr. 30, 1775. He died Sept. 18, 1805, aged 60 years.

Children:

62. i. FRANCIS.[6]
63. ii. MUNSON.
64. iii. DAVID, b. May 4, 1777.
iv. DOLLY, m. (1) Sept. 21, 1800, Nathaniel Simonds of Lexington; m. (2) Luther Simonds of Burlington.
65. v. NOAH.
66. vi. SETH.
vii. A CHILD, d. young.
viii. ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 26, 1785; d. May 3, 1878, aged 91 yrs.
ix. WYMAN, bapt. Aug. 4, 1805; resided in Brooklyn, N. Y.
x. MARY, bapt. Aug. 4, 1805; m. (pub. May 26, 1825) Daniel B. Simonds of Medford.
67. xi. NATHAN BROOKS, bapt. Aug. 4, 1805.
68. xii. JOSEPHUS, or CEPHAS, bapt. Aug. 4, 1805.
xiii. CLARISSA, bapt. Aug. 4, 1805; d. Feb. 13, 1843, aged 44 yrs.

49. Lieut. Seth[5] Johnson (*Francis,[4] Josiah,[3] Maj. William,[2] Capt. Edward[1]*), born Dec. 8, 1750, married, Feb. 10, 1780, Abigail, daughter of John and Abigail (Dix) Symmes of Medford. He was a member of Capt. Belknap's company, Apr. 19, 1775, and served 21 days at that time; was a member of the 1st company of Woburn militia, Apr. 30, 1775; ensign of Capt. Samuel Tay's company, Reed's regiment, 1776; and 2d lieutenant of Capt. John Dix's company, Col. McIntosh's regiment, 1778. He was probably the Seth Johnson in Capt. Jonas Richardson's company, Col. Frye's regiment, 1775. This company fought at Bunker Hill, and its captain was of Woburn. He was called "lieutenant" in an account allowed by the court, June 5, 1783. He died Jan. 22, 1782. His will, dated Dec. 27, 1781, probated Nov. 6, 1782, names wife Abigail, and her father John Symmes; son John Dix Johnson; and John Johnson, executor. His widow married second, Joseph Cutter of Woburn, and Cincinnati, Ohio, and died May 27, 1786 (aged 22 years?), in Woburn.

Child:

i. John Dix,[6] d. young.

50. Capt. John[5] Johnson (*Francis,[4] Josiah,[3] Maj. William,[2] Capt. Edward[1]*), born Feb. 14, 1757, married, Dec. 9, 1783, Achsah, daughter of Caleb and Susanna (Converse) Simonds of Woburn. He was taxed in the Woburn West List, and belonged to Belknap's company of Woburn militia during the Revolutionary period. He was drafted, with seven others of that company, to go into the service for the Northward army, against Burgoyne, in August, 1777, and went personally. It was he, evidently, who served in Capt. Woods's company of men, mostly from Woburn, in 1776. He was also a private in Capt. Caleb Brooks's company, Col. Dike's regiment, 1776; and served for a short time in a detachment of Woburn militia, at Bunker Hill, in 1779. He held the office of ensign in Woburn, 1787; lieut., 1787–1792; and capt., 1792. He died Nov. 22, according to one record Nov. 24, 1792, aged 36 years, and was buried Nov. 26. His inventory was dated Dec. 5, 1792, and Joseph Bartlett, Esq., was administrator. His widow married second, Sept. 30, 1798, Paul Wyman, and died Feb. 15, 1831.

Children:

i. Sarah,[6] b. Sept. 25, 1784; m. Apr. 17, 1805, Moses Winn; d. June 1, 1807, aged 23 yrs.

ii. Susanna, b. Feb. 11, 1786; m. May 29, 1808, Josiah Tay; d. Oct. 27, 1874, aged 86 yrs. 8 mos. 16 ds.

69. iii. John, b. Dec. 16, 1789; m. May 15, 1814, Eliza Mears of Medford; d. Dec. 22, 1860, in Medford.

iv. Charles, b. May 29, 1792; m. Nov. 10, 1816, Abigail R., daughter of Stephen and Abigail (Reed) Mead of Waltham; resided in Bunker Hill, Ill.

51. Frederick[5] Johnson (*Francis,[4] Josiah,[3] Maj. William,[2] Capt. Edward[1]*), born Mar. 29, 1759, married, Oct. 16, 1783, Rhoda, daughter of Thomas and Rhoda (Crosby) Reed of Charlestown (West Cambridge), who died Oct. 9, 1819. He was taxed in the West List; and served in a detachment of Woburn militia raised to act as guards at Bunker Hill, in 1779. He died Oct. 10, 1810, aged

52 years. His heirs (*Middx. Co. Probate*, 111 : 130) were widow Rhoda, Thomas, Josiah, William, Rhoda, Frederick, John, and Lydia.

Children :

i. THOMAS,[6] m. Sept. 8, 1811, Polly, dau. of Nathan and Sarah (Munroe) Dudley of Lexington; d. July 1, 1830, aged 45 yrs., in Lexington.
ii. JOSIAH, m. Clarissa, dau. of James and Ruth (Hadley-Fowle) Blodgett of Lexington.
iii. WILLIAM, d. in 1815, in Williamsville, N. Y.; was a soldier in the U. S. Army. His mother was appointed admx. of his estate, Nov. 15, 1815.
iv. RHODA, m. Apr. 6, 1812, Jonathan Munroe of Lexington; d. July 19, 1865, aged 72 yrs.
v. FREDERICK, d. Jan. 12, 1828, aged 33 yrs.
vi. JOHN, m. Mar. 31, 1825, Emily Wymau (Lexington Records).
vii. LYDIA.
viii. A CHILD, d. May 20, 1792, aged 2 wks.

52. GILES[5] JOHNSON (*Giles*,[4] *Josiah*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Oct. 12, 1741, married, Oct. 14, 1766, Elizabeth, daughter of Nathan and Sarah (Wyman) Brooks of Woburn. He was "late of Woburn," residing at a place known by the name of Major Bagaduce (Castine, Maine), with Elizabeth his wife, per deed of Feb. 3, 1775. (REGISTER, 58 : 129.)

Child :

i. ABIGAIL,[6] b. July 11, 1768.

53. JONATHAN[6] JOHNSON (*Jonathan*,[5] *Dea. Edward*,[4] *Capt. Edward*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Feb. 1, 1751; married Dec. 12, 1776, Lydia, daughter of Samuel and Keziah (Thompson) Jaques of Wilmington. He was living in Woburn Precinct, now Burlington, in 1783. He was one of Walker's company at Lexington, Apr. 19, 1775, and one of Capt. Timothy Winn's third foot company in Woburn, May 13, 1775. He was chosen 3d corporal of Walker's co., Feb. 12, 1777.

Children :

i. SALLY,[7] d. in Burlington.
ii. CAROLINE, d. July 1, 1870, in Woburn, a. 90y.
iii. JONATHAN, m. Margaret Hovey of Salem. He died in Boston.
70. iv. LEONARD, b. Oct. 12, 1786.
v. LUCRETIA, m. Sept. 20, 1806, Nathaniel Clapp of Boston. She d. Mar. 20, 1865, a. 79y.
vi. LYDIA, b. Oct. 25, 1790, in Charlestown; m. Nov. 18, 1845, David Jones of Boston, as his second wife. She d. Dec. 11, 1860.

54. JOTHAM[6] JOHNSON (*Jonathan*,[5] *Dea. Edward*,[4] *Capt. Edward*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Nov. 28, 1753; died about 1827, in Burlington; married, Feb. 23, 1775, Eunice, daughter of Dea. Samuel and Eunice (Stone) Reed of Woburn. He was located in the South School District, Woburn 2d Parish, in 1791, and was living in that Parish in 1798. He was drafted for service in Canada, July 5, 1776, being hired for Jonathan Johnson and himself in this draft; he was reported as serving for 5 mos. in the present expedition to Canada, July 26, 1776. He had served in Walker's co.

at Lexington, Apr. 19, 1775, and as a member of the 3d foot company in Woburn, Capt. Timothy Winn, on May 13, 1775. He was a fifer in Walker's Woburn militia co. from 1780 to 1782. James Reed, of Burlington, on Oct. 24, 1836, petitioned to appoint a guardian for his mother-in-law, Mrs. Eunice Johnson, widow of Jotham, late of Burlington, dec'd. (*Midd. Prob.* 8956.)

Children:

i. EUNICE,[7] b. Sept. 29, 1775; m. May 8, 1796, Samuel Caldwell.
71. ii. JOTHAM, b. May 6, 1778; m. Oct. 14, 1802, Susan Tufts.
iii. SURVIAH, b. July 2, 1780, baptized Sophia; married as Sophia, Jan. 7, 1810, Thomas Conn, as his second wife.
iv. ALPHEUS, b. Jan. 1, 1783; d. unmarried.
v. LUCY, b. Mar. 8, 1785; m. Apr. 10, 1808, Samuel Kent of Charlestown.
vi. SUSANNA, b. Aug. 9, 1787; m. Jan. 11, 1810, James Reed, Jr.
vii. LUCY, b. Mar. 6, 1790; baptized Lucretia; m. as Lucretia, Apr. 15, 1818, Moses Hastings Caldwell.
72. viii. EDWARD, b. July 12, 1794; m. Oct. 14, 1824, Hannah Gibson of Wilmington.
ix. ELBRIDGE, bapt. May 7, 1797; d. Nov. 7, 1799, a. 2y. 6m.
x. ELBRIDGE, bapt. June 29, 1800; d. unmarried.

55. ICHABOD[6] JOHNSON (*Jonathan,*[5] *Dea. Edward,*[4] *Capt. Edward,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Sept. 6, 1764; died Aug. 5, 1807, a. 43 y., in Quincy, Mass.; married May 26, 1784, Sarah, daughter of Dea. Samuel and Eunice (Stone) Reed of Woburn. He was a minor, about 11 years old, serving in the Continental Army for 12 mos., on July 26, 1776. He was a musician, though listed as a private, in Wood's company, Paul Dudley Sargent's regt., 1775. His terms of service appear to be numerous. He belonged in Woburn 2d Parish. Served from Walker's co., under Capt. Ford, for 3 mos.; was a fifer in Tyler's regt., 5 mos., in 1779, at Rhode Island; and when 16 years old, served 6 mos., in 1780, in the Cont. Army. He was a fifer in Capt. Samuel Tay's co., Webb's regt., 1781; and chosen Corporal of Walker's co., in 1782. He was a teacher of music in Phillips Academy in Andover, in 1795. Rev. John Marrett, pastor of the church in Woburn 2d Precinct, says, in noting the event of his death, that he was a celebrated musician. He taught a singing school in Woburn in 1803. His epitaph at Quincy calls him "Master Ichabod Johnson, celebrated teacher of musick." "Died, Mr. I. Johnson, of Woburn, æ. 42, a teacher of music."—*Columbian Centinel*, Aug. 8, 1807.

Children:

i. SARAH,[7] bapt. May 15, 1785; m. Solomon Hovey.
ii. HARRIET, bapt. Feb. 26, 1792.
iii. SABRINA, bapt. Aug. 23, 1795.
iv. SAMUEL R., m. Aug. 20, 1815, m. Mary Bemis.—Wyman's *Charlestown.*

56. SAMUEL[6] JOHNSON (*Samuel,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Capt. Edward,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Jan. 20, 1749; married Nov. 8, 1770, Rebecca, daughter of John and Rebecca (Larrabee) Conray. Of Hollis, N. H., per deed, 1801 [*Middx. Deeds*, 140: 267]. He served in the Revolutionary War from Hollis, N. H. See Edward [34].

57. JOHN[6] JOHNSON (*Samuel,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Capt. Edward,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born May 10, 1764. Of Boston, per deed, 1801 [*Middx. Deeds*, 140: 267]. It was he, probably, who served in the 15th regt., Mass Line, Continental Army, from Woburn, in 1780–'82, and in the 5th regt., company joined from 15th regt., as corporal and sergeant. His age was given as 16 yrs. at that time.

58. JESSE[6] JOHNSON (*Samuel,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Capt. Edward,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Aug. 27, 1767; married Dec. 19, 1792, Susanna, daughter of Samuel and Susanna (Richardson) Symmes.

Children:

i. SUKEY, or SUSAN,[7] b. Sept. 13, 1793; m. Apr. 12, 1812, Josiah Learned of Watertown. She d. Oct. 10, 1865, in Watertown, aged 72 years.
ii. MARY, b. Oct. 9, 1799.
iii. BETSEY, b. Oct. 9, 1801.

59. REUBEN[6] JOHNSON (*Reuben,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Capt. Edward,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born 1751; died Aug. 12, 1804, a. 53 y.; married, Aug. 5, 1777, Kezia (Wyman) Baldwin, widow of Reuel Baldwin, and daughter of Zebadiah and Abigail (Pierce) Wyman of Woburn. She died Oct. 23, 1822, a. 75 y. He was taxed in Woburn West List, and was a member of Belknap's co. from Woburn, at Lexington, Apr. 19, 1775, and of the first company of Woburn militia, Apr. 30, 1775.*

Children:

i. ABIGAIL,[7] b. Oct. 10, 1779; m. Aug. 1, 1815, James Bruce, and d. Apr. 13, 1864.
ii. KEZIA, b. Mar. 22, 1781; m. Mar. 29, 1812, Hanson Connor, of Malden; and d. Aug. 2, 1860.
iii. REUBEN,† b. Oct 19, 1782; d. July 16, 1837, in West Cambridge, now Arlington; m. (1) May 20, 1810, Sarah Abbot Warren, dau. of Amos and Elizabeth (Whittemore) Warren; she d. Apr. 29, 1811; m. (2) Oct. 24, 1826, Rachel, dau. of Ebenezer and Rachel (Lovejoy) Bucknam; she m. (2) Dec. 12, 1838, in West Cambridge, John C. Martain of Woburn, and d. in Cambridge, Apr. 10, 1873. Reuben Johnson had, by his first wife, a son, b. Apr. 24, 1811, d. May 11, 1811, and, by his second wife, a daughter, Sarah Ann,[8] bapt. July 7, 1837, at the age of 10 years, who married Horace L. Duncklee, resided in Cambridge, and died in Somerville, Sept. 10, 1886; also sons, William Sumner, d. Jan. 7, 1836, a. 1y., and Reuben Sumner, bapt. July 7, 1837, a. 6 days, who d. Jan. 19, 1838, a. 6½ mos.
73. iv. MARSHALL, b. July 25, 1784.
v. LUKE, b. Sept. 6, 1786; d. June 26, 1811, a. 25 y.
74. vi. JOHN, b. Apr. 28, 1788.

60. EZEKIEL[6] JOHNSON (*Josiah,*[5] *Josiah*[4] *Esq., Josiah,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Aug. 18, 1781; died Mar. 30, 1866, a. 84y. 7m. 12d.; married Jan. 10, 1815, Hannah, daughter of Ebenezer and Jemima (Hartwell) Cummings; she died Apr. 20, 1867, a. 78y. 3m. 26d.

* See *Woburn Marriages*, Part IV., page 73, for facts regarding his real estate.
† The Marshall Johnson family Bible gives the death, Oct. 23, 1822, of Widow Kezia Johnson, and, Aug. 6, 1837, of Reuben Johnson, Jr., aged 55.

Children:

i. Hannah,[7] b. Nov. 1, 1815; m. Sept. 14, 1843, George Clark.
ii. Adeline, b. Sept. 10, 1817; m. Apr. 6, 1843, Sylvester P. Cutler.
iii. Mary, b. May 23, 1819; m. Oct. 15, 1846, John Bacon.
75. iv. Joseph, b. May 23, 1819; m. Sept. 28, 1842, Susan W. Deland.
v. Martha, b. June 7, 1821; d. Jan. 27, 1899, a. 77y. 7m. 20d., unm.
vi. Henry, b. Feb. 7, 1823; d. Oct. 19, 1852, in San Francisco, Cal.
76. vii. David Warren, b. Dec. 11, 1824; m. Jan. 31, 1854, Sarah L. Angier.
viii. Sophronia, b. Nov. 10, 1828; d. Jan. 20, 1892, a. 63y. 2m., unm.
ix. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 8, 1830; m. Oct. 17, 1854, Otis Bacon.

61. Levi[6] Johnson (*Josiah,*[5] *Josiah,*[4] *Esq., Josiah,*[3] *Major William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Dec. 22, 1783; died Dec. 25, 1866; married Ruth Eaton of Chester, N. H. She died Dec. 27, 1831.

Children:

i. Sarah Gardner,[7] b. July 19, 1822; d. May 21, 1848, aged 25 yrs. 10 mos. 2 dys.
ii. Zelende Dearborn, b. Jan. 14, 1824; d. Jan. 11, 1866, aged 42 yrs.
iii. Elizabeth Ann, b. Apr. 6, 1827; m. Jan. 10, 1870, Timothy A. Thompson, as his 2d wife. She d. Jan. 1, 1881.
iv. Caroline, b. Dec. 31, 1828; m. Apr. 28, 1849, Timothy A. Thompson, as his first wife. She d. July 31, 1868.

62. Major Francis[6] Johnson (*Francis*[5], *Francis*[4], *Josiah*[3], *Major William*[2], *Capt. Edward*[1]), died Nov. 16, 1846, aged 75 yrs.; married first, Nov. 19, 1800, Elizabeth, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Johnson) Young [32, i.]; she died Jan. 15, 1809, aged 36 yrs.; married second, Nov. 8, 1810, Mehitable, daughter of Benjamin and Mehitable (Tidd) Parker; she died Dec. 26, 1874, in Winchester, aged 88 yrs. 2 mos. 3 dys.

Children by second wife:

i. Francis,[7] b. Apr. 18, 1813; m. May 22, 1838 (Wob. Rec.), Susan E., daughter of Jonathan and Rhoda (Johnson) Munroe of Lexington. He d. June 16, 1876, in Winchester, aged 63 yrs. 2 mos. She d. May 12, 1893, in Lexington, aged 79 yrs. 1 mo. 25 dys. They had a daughter *Elizabeth*[8] *Johnson*, b. Sept. 19, 1841.
ii. Betsey, b. Aug. 15, 1815; m. May 19, 1836, Samuel M. Rice of Lynn. She d. Apr. 7, 1856, in Winchester, aged 42 yrs.
iii. Mehitable, b. Oct. 23, 1824; m. Mar. 27, 1856, Hon. Robert C. Cristy of Johnson, Vt.
iv. Warren, b. Aug. 27, 1827; m. (1) June 14, 1855, Hannah Caroline, dau. of Marshall and Susanna (Parker) Wyman; she d. Apr. 29, 1882, aged 50 yrs. 2 mos.; m. (2) Oct. 8, 1885, Agnes, dau. of William and Judith M. (Parker) Wescott, of Winchester. Child by first wife: *Mary Agnes,*[8] b. Oct. 8, 1863; d. May 15, 1881, aged 17 yrs. 7 mos.

63. Munson[6] Johnson (*Francis,*[5] *Francis,*[4] *Josiah,*[3] *Major William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), died Jan. 8, 1857, aged 83 yrs. 2 mos. 8 dys.; married Mar. 20, 1798, Betsey, dau. of Nathan and Elizabeth (Harrington) Munroe of Lexington. She died Sept. 26, 1849, aged 73 yrs. 5 mos.

Children:

i. Charlotte,[7] m. Nov. 11, 1819, Horatio Symmes.
ii. Delia Pierce, m. Oct. 4, 1819, Willis Buckman. She d. Dec. 17, 1861, aged 61 yrs. 8 mos. He d. June 26, 1865, aged 71 yrs. 1 mo. 13 dys.

iii. MINOT, d. Sept. 22, 1831, aged 28 yrs.: m. Jan. 13, 1825, Betsey, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Webber) Grammer of Boston. She d. June 9, 1898, aged 92 yrs. 7 mos. 4 dys.

77. iv. NATHAN MUNROE.

78. v. MUNSON, b. Dec. 25, 1809.

vi. ELIZABETH M., m. Dec. 10, 1829, Charles R. Thompson of Woburn. She d. Feb. 7, 1893, aged 81 yrs. 10 mos. 8 dys.

vii. HARRIS, d. June 27, 1893, aged 77 yrs. 4 mos.; m. Apr. 25, 1839, Diantha, daughter of Daniel Chamberlain of Lyndeborough, N. H. She d. Mar. 9, 1887, aged 67 yrs. 6 mos. 9 dys.

64. DAVID[6] JOHNSON (*Francis,*[5] *Francis,*[4] *Josiah,*[3] *Major William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born May 4, 1777; died Oct. 26, 1860, in Lexington, aged 83 yrs. 5 mos.; married Feb. 2, 1804, Philena, dau. of John and Rebecca (Wellington) Munroe of Lexington. She died Dec. 7, 1870, in Lexington, aged 88 yrs. 6 mos.

65. NOAH[6] JOHNSON (*Francis,*[5] *Francis,*[4] *Josiah,*[3] *Major William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), died Sept. 4, 1869, in Medford, aged 85 yrs. 9 mos.: m. first, Nov. 15, 1808, Catherine, dau. of Ebenezer and Catherine (Greenleaf) Thompson of Medford. She died Mar. 16, 1854, in Medford, aged 68 yrs. 9 mos. He married second, m. int. Nov. 25, 1859, Dorothy E. Shapley of Charlestown.

Children:

i. ANN MATILDA,[7] bapt. Mar. 17, 1811.

ii. GARDNER, bapt. Mar. 17, 1811.

iii. CATHERINE, bapt. May 12, 1812; m. Jan. 1, 1834, Isaiah W. Kimball of Charlestown. He d. July 19, 1859. She d. Jan. 14, 1881.

iv. EDWIN, bapt. Mar. 9, 1813; m. Maria Purdy. He d. Oct. 27, 1878, aged 63 yrs. 6 mos. 7 dys.

66. SETH[6] JOHNSON (*Francis,*[5] *Francis,*[4] *Josiah,*[3] *Major William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Jan. 1, 1783; died Apr. 16, 1862, in Stoneham, aged 80 yrs. 3 mos. 16 dys.; m. Sept. 23, 1810, Lydia dau. of John and Abigail (Thompson) Eames of Woburn. She d. Dec. 1, 1850, aged 58 yrs.

Children:

79. i. SETH,[7] b. Feb. 3, 1813.

80. ii. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 21, 1814.

iii. SAMUEL, b. Apr. 15, 1816; d. June 4, 1816.

iv. ABIGAIL BROOKS, b. Aug. 22, 1817; m. July 8, 1838, George A. Fletcher of Michigan. She d. July 7, 1840, in Detroit, Mich., aged 23 yrs.

81. v. FRANCIS HENRY, b. Aug. 31, 1819.

vi. LYDIA MARIA, b. Nov. 1, 1821; m. June 22, 1843, William H. Rand of Medford. She d. Oct. 17, 1869, in Winchester, aged 48 yrs.

vii. STEPHEN, b. Feb. 17, 1826; d. May 15, 1826.

67. NATHAN BROOKS[6] JOHNSON (*Francis,*[5] *Francis,*[4] *Josiah,*[3] *Major William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), b. Sept. 20, 1790; d. June 28, 1871, in Winchester; m. Nov. 2, 1819, Almira, dau. of Benjamin and Mehitable (Tidd) Parker. She d. Jan. 12, 1878.

Children:

i. ALMIRA,[7] b. July 26, 1821; m. Sept. 19, 1844, Stephen Hall Cutter. She d. Oct. 5, 1881.

ii. MARY, b. Jan. 26, 1823; d. May 23, 1900, aged 77 yrs. 3 mos. 27 dys.

iii. HARRIET NEWALL, b. Oct. 4, 1829; d. Sept. 23, 1858, aged 29 yrs. 11 mos.
iv. EDWARD PAYSON, b. Dec. 4, 1837; m. June 1, 1865, Lida S., dau. of Daniel and Eliza (Shewell) Long of Montpelier, Vt.*
v. MARTHA ANN, b. Nov. 14, 1841; d. Jan. 6, 1878, aged 36 yrs. 1 mo. 22 dys.

68. JOSEPHUS[6] JOHNSON (*Francis,*[5] *Francis,*[4] *Josiah,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born 1795; died Mar. 6, 1875, in Burlington, Vt.; married, Nov. 18, 1819, Maria Dix Wellington of Medford, daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Bacon) Wellington: she was born in Marlboro,' N. H., 1800; died April 1, 1873, in Burlington, Vt.
Children:

i. ELMORE,[7] b. June 2, 1826, in Reading, Mass.; d. Jan. 5, 1902, in Topsfield, Mass.; m. March, 1854, Harriet B. Cristy, of Johnson, Vt., dau. of John and Roxanna (Baker) Cristy, of Johnson, Vt. She d. Feb. 27, 1902, in Los Angeles, Cal.
ii. CAROLINE MARIA, b. July 6, 1837, in Woburn; m. (1) Oct. 3, 1859, John B. Cristy of St. Louis. He d. Dec. 14, 1875, in Butler, Ill.; m. (2) Mar. 14, 1885, John Still of Boston. He d. Oct. 3, 1898, in Woburn.

69. JOHN[6] JOHNSON (*Capt. John,*[5] *Francis,*[4] *Josiah,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Dec. 16, 1789, in Woburn; died Dec. 22, 1860, in Medford, aged 71 years, 6 days; married, May 15, 1814, Eliza Mears of Medford, daughter of Zebadiah and Betsey (Butters) Mears of Andover. She was living, aged 93, in 1889.
Children:

i. ELIZA CLARK,[7] b. Sept. 16, 1815.
ii. SARAH FESSENDEN, b. June 18, 1818; m., int. May 20, 1837, Isaac E. Brown of Charlestown.
iii. Child, b. Nov. 15, 1820; d. Dec. 25, 1820.
iv. THEOPHILUS BOYD, b. May 1, 1823; m., int. June 8, 1848, Abby L. Burgess of Medford, dau. of William H. and Mary (———) Burgess. She d. June 17, 1872.
v. CLEOPHAS BOYD, b. July 6, 1829; d. Dec. 17, 1902; m., int. Nov. 29, 1854, Eliza A. Sawtell, dau. of Zachariah and Eliza (Stevens) Sawtell of Medford. She d. Aug. 29, 1891.

70. LEONARD[7] JOHNSON (*Jonathan,*[6] *Jonathan,*[5] *Dea. Edward,*[4] *Capt. Edward,*[3] *Maj. William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Oct. 12, 1786, in Woburn; died Dec. 8, 1834, in Cambridge, aged 48 years; married, Apr. 2, 1812, Hannah, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Fessenden) Winship of Lexington. She married second, June 23, 1836, John Frost of Cambridge, and died May 31, 1864.
Children:

i. HANNAH,[8] b. Aug. 30, 1813; d. Nov. 17, 1832, aged 19 yrs.
ii. LYDIA, b. Jan. 25, 1815; d. Dec. 26, 1833, aged 19 yrs.
iii. OLIVE, b. Oct. 12, 1816; d. Oct. 29, 1841, aged 25 yrs.
iv. SARAH, b. Aug. 12, 1818; d. Aug. 26, 1854, aged 36 yrs.
v. EMILY, b. July 29, 1820.
vi. CHARLOTTE, b. Dec. 28, 1822; d. Dec. 11, 1895, aged 73 yrs.
vii. ALMIRA A., b. Oct. 7, 1825; m. (1) Oct. 13, 1853, Charles Wade of Woburn, who d. Oct. 16, 1869, aged 42 yrs; m. (2) Mar. 28, 1872, Richard Briggs of Woburn. He d. Mar. 30, 1895, aged 74 yrs. 11 mos. 19 dys.

* They had one son, Alfred Edward Cutter[8] Johnson, b. in Montpelier, Sept. 29, 1882, and all three lost their lives in the railroad accident at Quincy, Mass., Aug. 19, 1890. With the death of these three the line of Nathan Brooks Johnson became extinct.

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71. JOTHAM[7] JOHNSON (*Jotham,[6] Jonathan,[5] Dea. Edward,[4] Capt. Edward,[3] Maj. William,[2] Capt. Edward*[1]), born May 6, 1778; married Oct. 14, 1802, Susan, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Adams) Tufts of Medford and Charlestown.

Children, per Wyman's "Charlestown":

i. CHARLES BERKELEY,[8] b. Apr. 12, 1805; m. Apr. 10, 1831, Elizabeth M., dau. of Peter and Katherine (Hay) Jones of Charlestown.
ii. GEORGE, b. Feb. 6, 1807; m. Hepza, dau. of James and Sally (Fosdick) Frothingham of Charlestown.
iii. JOTHAM, b. July 25, 1809.
iv. MARTHA TUFTS, b. Sept. 22, 1811.
v. SAMUEL TUFTS, b. Feb. 1, 1814.
vi. HENRY, b. Nov. 27, 1815; d. 1817.
vii. HENRY A., b. Mar. 18, 1818.
viii. WILLIAM, b. Mar. 20, 1820.
ix. JOHN BARRETT, b. Apr. 2, 1822.

72. EDWARD[7] JOHNSON (*Jotham,[6] Jonathan,[5] Dea. Edward,[4] Capt. Edward,[3] Maj. William,[2] Capt. Edward*[1]), born July 12, 1794; died about 1854, in Burlington; married first, Oct. 14, 1824, Hannah Gibson of Wilmington, daughter of John and Serviah (Preston) Gibson of Hillsboro', N. H. She married second, June 3, 1840, Amos Flint of Francistown, N. H., and died Oct. 7, 1892, in Woburn, aged 89 years, 3 mos., 3 dys.

Children:

i. HANNAH,[8] b. June 20, 1825; m. Dec. 20, 1848, John W. F. Willson of South Boston. She d. Nov. 11, 1873.
ii. LUCRETIA, b. Apr. 1, 1827; m. Apr. 18, 1850, William C. Tay of Woburn. He d. Apr. 11, 1883, aged 60 yrs. 11 mos. 23 dys.
iii. MARTHA, b. July 22, 1828; m. Nov. 11, 1849, Joseph M. Eaton of Woburn.
iv. CAROLINE, b. Apr. 29, 1830; m. Apr. 28, 1849, Timothy F. Reed of Woburn. She d. June 16, 1891.

73. MARSHALL[7] JOHNSON (*Reuben,[6] Reuben,[5] Samuel,[4] Capt. Edward,[3] Maj. William,[2] Capt. Edward*[1]), born July 25, 1784; died March 17, 1866, in Chelsea; married first, April 29, 1813, Hannah, daughter of Cotton and Margaret (Taylor) Center of Charlestown, who died Nov. 3, 1836. He married second, Feb. 28, 1837, Alice Center, a sister of his first wife, and she died in Chelsea, March 10, 1866. He carried on business in Charlestown.

His children, all by his first wife and born in Charlestown, were:

i. ELIZABETH ANN,[8] b. 1813; m. (1) William Gerrish in 1841, and (2) in 1852, William P. Johnson. She d. in Chelsea, Mar. 25, 1883.
ii. HANNAH, b. Nov. 18, 1815; d. in Charlestown, Oct. 15, 1816.
iii. MARSHALL, b. Aug. 3, 1817; m. Feb. 22, 1843, Caroline Tileston, and d. in Boston, Dec. 31, 1896. His wife d. Oct. 26, 1904. He was connected with the Provident Institution of Savings and later was in business in the Sandwich Islands. He was for years a prominent tenor solo singer of the Handel and Haydn Society. He had three children: 1. *Caroline Frances*,[9] b. in Boston, May 8, 1844. 2. *Marshall*, the marine artist, b. in Boston, May 13, 1850; and 3. *Herbert Tileston*, b. in Chelsea, June 2, 1859, and d. in Boston, Dec. 29, 1872.
iv. FRANCIS, b. July 25, 1819; d. in Dedham, unm., Sept. 15, 1848. He carried on business in the Sandwich Islands.*

* See case of Marshall Johnson *vs.* Marshall Johnson, jr., reported in 7 Allen (Mass.), 196.

v. Hannah, b. Aug. 8, 1821; d. Aug. 18, 1822.
vi. Cotton Center, b. Apr. 3, 1823; d. June 26, 1831.
vii. Edwin, b. Jan. 1, 1825; d. in Dedham, unm., June 11, 1856.
viii. Amanda Augusta, b. Feb. 14, 1827; d. at sea, on voyage to the Sandwich Islands, Dec. 17, 1845.
ix. Josiah Baldwin, b. Dec. 22, 1829; d. at hospital in Boston, unm., Oct. 16, 1859.
x. Henry, b. Dec. 3, 1831; d. in Charlestown, Mar. 12, 1833.
xi. Henrietta, b. Aug. 30, 1834; d. in Dedham, June 13, 1859.
xii. Cotton Center, b. Sept. 7, 1836; d. in Quincy, Oct. 13, 1887. He was twice married, but left no issue.

74. John[7] Johnson (*Reuben*,[6] *Reuben*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Capt. Edward*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Apr. 28, 1788; died Mar. 17, 1858, aged 69 years, 10 mos.; married first, Apr. 22, 1813, Sally, daughter of Obadiah and Sarah (Johnson) Kendall of Woburn. She died Dec. 25, 1844, aged 58 years. He married second, Jan. 12, 1848, Eliza Butman of Lowell, daughter of Elias and Sarah Butman. She died Dec. 12, 1881, in Albion, N. Y.

Children by first wife:

82. i. John,[8] b. Feb. 12, 1814.
ii. Reuben, b. Nov. 12, 1818; d. June 17, 1819, aged 7 mos.
iii. Reuben, b. July 31, 1820; d. May 12, 1843, aged 23 yrs.
iv. Sarah Kendall, b. Sept. 19, 1824; m. Feb. 28, 1845, Stephen R. Moreland. She d. Oct. 23, 1902, in Medford, aged 78 yrs. 1 m. 4 d.
v. Elizabeth Miles, b. Sept. 11, 1829; m. in Boston, June 20, 1852, Jacob Brown. She d. Mar. 12, 1860, aged 30 yrs.

Child by second wife:

vi. Amanda Augusta, b. Apr. 8, 1849; m. Mar. 1, 1871, Henry H. Leathe.

75. Joseph[7] Johnson (*Ezekiel*,[6] *Josiah*,[5] *Josiah*[4] *Esq.*, *Josiah*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born May 23, 1819; died Dec. 11, 1898, aged 79 years, 5 mos. 18 dys; married, Sept. 8, 1842, Susan W., daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Thayer) Deland of Woburn. She died Sept. 19, 1882, aged 63 years, 8 mos.

Children:

83. i. Charles Henry,[8] b. Sept. 19, 1843; m. Dec. 2, 1869, Caroline A. Poole, dau. of Eleazer F. and Almira (Creech) Poole of Woburn.
ii. Susan Josephine, b. Sept. 18, 1847; m. (1) Apr. 5, 1867, George Eddy; m. (2) Feb. 11, 1903, Edmund H. Taylor of Boston.
iii. Ella Louisa, b. June 8, 1851; d. Aug. 18, 1853, aged 2 yrs. 2 m. 11 d.
iv. Thomas Edward, b. July 31, 1857; d. Aug. 2, 1857, aged 2 days.

76. David Warren[7] Johnson (*Ezekiel*,[6] *Josiah*,[5] *Josiah*[4] *Esq.*, *Josiah*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Dec. 11, 1824; died June 15, 1897; married, Jan. 31, 1854, Sarah L., daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Davis) Augier. She died Jan. 15, 1892.

Children:

i. Henry Warren,[8] b. Oct. 7, 1856. Resides in Berlin, N. H.
ii. Hattie Lavinia, b. Mar. 20, 1866.

77. Nathan Munroe[7] Johnson (*Munson*,[6] *Francis*,[5] *Francis*,[4] *Josiah*,[3] *Maj. William*,[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), died Nov. 10, 1886, aged 81 years, 7 mos. 3 dys; married, Oct. 25, 1827, Charlotte, daughter of Jacob and Lucretia (Richardson) Wright of Woburn. She died Jan. 17, 1892, aged 85 years, 3 mos. 1 day.

Children:

i. Charlotte Jane,[8] b. Nov. 21, 1823; m. Jan. 9, 1851, William S. Bennett of Woburn.
ii. Oscar Elnathan, b. June 7, 1831; m. Dec. 17, 1868, Sophia B., dau. of Hiram and Lydia (Kingsbury) Bancroft of Wilmington.
iii. Anna Lida Juliette, b. July 25, 1834; m. Aug. 26, 1868, John Page, Jr., of Quincy.
iv. Phylena Wright, b. Dec. 31, 1842; m. Nov. 16, 1892, Henry William Symmes of Winchester.

78. Munson[7] Johnson, Jr. (*Munson,[6] Francis,[5] Francis,[4] Josiah,[3] Maj. William,[2] Capt. Edward*[1]), born Dec. 25, 1809; died Mar. 9, 1875, aged 66 years, 2 mos. 12 dys; married, Apr. 14, 1831, Sarah S., daughter of Alpha and Mary (Scottow) Thompson of Woburn. She died Oct. 3, 1887, aged 75 years, 1 mo. 21 dys.

Children:

i. Franklin Munson,[8] b. Dec. 5, 1834; d. Sept. 21, 1840.
ii. Arethusa Munroe, b. Oct. 20, 1836; m. Aug. 30, 1856, Thomas V. Sullivan, Jr.
iii. Alpha Thompson, b. Mar. 31, 1838; d. Oct. 7, 1838.
iv. Leander Thompson, b. Nov. 9, 1841; d. Nov. 29, 1876, aged 35 yrs. 21 dys.; m. (?) int. dated Nov. 29, 1876, Lizzie L. Pinkham.
v. Sarah Ella, b. Mar. 6, 1846; d. Sept. 4, 1846, aged 6 mos.
vi. Edward, b. Jan. 28, 1848; d. Mar. 24, 1850, aged 2 yrs. 3 mos.
vii. Mary Caroline, b. Mar. 22, 1851; m. May 13, 1873, Ira W. Pickering.

Further see "Thompson Memorial," pp. 105, 106.

79. Seth[7] Johnson (*Seth,[6] Francis,[5] Francis,[4] Josiah,[3] Major William,[2] Capt. Edward*[1]), born Feb. 3, 1813, in Woburn; died Aug. 13, 1886, in Winchester, aged 73 yrs. 6 mos. 9 dys.; m. July 12, 1839, in Medford, Susan E., dau. of Henry and Hannah (Greenleaf) Reed of Medford. She died July 17, 1882, in Winchester, aged 69 yrs. 5 mos. 2 dys.

Children:

i. Abby Fletcher,[8] b. Dec. 14, 1844.
ii. Pamelia Sawyer, b. Mar. 12, 1848; d. Dec. 9, 1850, aged 3 yrs.

80. Joseph[7] Johnson (*Seth,[6] Francis,[5] Francis,[4] Josiah,[3] Major William,[2] Capt. Edward*[1]), born Aug. 21, 1814, in Billerica; died Mar. 3, 1865, in Stoneham, aged 50 yrs. 7 mos.; married June 23, 1847, Caroline Brown. She died May 12, 1894, in Stoneham, aged 66 yrs. 4 mos. 19 dys.

Children:

i. Adelaide E.,[8] b. 1849; d. 1851.
ii. Abbie Maria, m. Oct. 3, 1883, Alfred Warren Staples of Stoneham.

81. Francis Henry[7] Johnson (*Seth,[6] Francis,[5] Francis,[4] Josiah,[3] Major William,[2] Capt. Edward*[1]), born Aug. 31, 1819, in Billerica; died May 24, 1875, in Winchester, aged 55 yrs. 6 mos. 24 dys.; married Sept. 29, 1846, Maria L., daughter of Thomas and Betsey (Homer) Hutchinson of West Cambridge.

Children:

i. Henry Francis,[8] b. Jan. 16, 1850, in Woburn.
ii. Louisa Maria, b. Apr. 29, 1855, in Winchester; m. Nov. 27, 1879, Warren L. Knox. She d. Jan. 8, 1905, in Winchester, aged 49 yrs. 8 mos. 9 dys.

82. JOHN[8] JOHNSON (*John,*[7] *Reuben,*[6] *Reuben,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Capt. Edward,*[3] *Major William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Feb. 12, 1814; died Dec. 7, 1902, aged 88 yrs. 9 mos. 25 dys.; married first, Nov. 25, 1841, Rosella M., daughter of Shubael and Rebecca (Crosby) Waldo of Chesterfield, N. H., b. Nov. 20, 1818; d. June 8, 1845, aged 26 yrs. 6 mos.19 dys.; and married second, July 28, 1846, Julia Ann, daughter of Amos B. and Hannah (Coombs) Bulfinch of Woburn, b. in Lynn, June 23, 1825, and d. May 1, 1903, aged 77 yrs. 10 mos. 8 dys.

Child by first wife:

i. ROSELLA ANNETTE,[9] b. May 11, 1845; d. Feb, 22, 1846, aged 9 mos. 11 dys.

Children by second wife:

ii. ROSELLA MARIA, b. Jan. 9, 1849.
84. iii. JOHN WARREN, b. Oct. 1, 1852; m. Jan. 7, 1879, Caroline G., dau. of William T. and Mary E. (Wade) Grammer.
85. iv. EDWARD FRANCIS, b. Oct. 22, 1856; m. Sept. 26, 1882, Mary E., dau. of Edward and Mary (Tidd) Simonds.

83. CHARLES HENRY[8] JOHNSON (*Joseph,*[7] *Ezekiel,*[6] *Josiah,*[5] *Josiah,*[4] *Esq., Josiah,*[3] *Major William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Sept. 19, 1843; married Dec. 2, 1869, Caroline A., daughter of Eleazer F. and Almira (Creech) Poole of Woburn.

Children:

i. FRANK POOLE,[9] b. Nov. 30, 1870.
ii. ANNA HAYWARD, b. June 30, 1873; d. Sept. 20, 1899.

84. JOHN WARREN[9] JOHNSON (*John,*[8] *John,*[7] *Reuben,*[6] *Reuben,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Capt. Edward,*[3] *Major William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Oct. 1, 1852; married Jan. 7, 1879, Caroline G., daughter of William T. and Mary E. (Wade) Grammer of Woburn.

Children:

i. EDWARD,[10] b. Feb. 19, 1880.
ii. EDNA, b. Nov. 4, 1881.
iii. ELIZABETH WADE, b. Oct. 20, 1885; d. Dec. 28, 1887, aged 2 yrs. 2 mos. 8 dys.
iv. JOHN, b. Jan. 15, 1888; d. Jan. 16, 1888, aged 1 day.
v. RUTH, b. Mar. 2, 1891.
vi. RALPH, b. Mar. 2, 1891.
vii. ROBERT, b. Apr. 6, 1895.

85. EDWARD FRANCIS[9] JOHNSON (*John,*[8] *John,*[7] *Reuben,*[6] *Reuben,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Capt. Edward,*[3] *Major William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born Oct. 22, 1856; married Sept. 26, 1882, Mary E., daughter of Edward and and Mary (Tidd) Simonds of Woburn.

Children:

i. HAROLD PENDEXTER,[10] b. Nov. 10, 1883.
ii. KENNETH SIMONDS, b. Feb. 12, 1885.
iii. ELEANOR, b. June 28, 1900.

86. JOHN FRANKLIN[10] JAMESON (*Mariette*[9] *Thompson–Jameson, Esther Tay*[8] *Ames–Thompson, Jacob*[7] *Ames, Esther*[6] *Tay–Ames, or Eames, Susanna*[5] *Jones–Tay, Susanna*[4] *Johnson–Jones, Capt. Edward*[3] *Johnson* [8], *Major William,*[2] *Capt. Edward*[1]), born in Somerville,

Mass., Sept. 19, 1859, son of John and Mariette (Thompson) Jameson. Assistant and associate professor of history at Johns Hopkins University, 1882–1888; professor of history at Brown University, 1888–1901. Accepted the chair of history in the University of Chicago, October, 1900, and, in 1905, became director of the bureau of historical research in Carnegie Institution in Washington, D. C. Married Apr. 13, 1893, Sara Elizabeth, daughter of John Payne and Catherine (Duryea) Elwell of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Child:

i. KATRINA,[11] b. Aug. 9, 1898, in Providence, R. I.

The following Johnsons, contemporary with the family of Capt. Edward in Woburn, are supposed to be his descendants:

87. JOSEPH JOHNSON, 3d. lineage unascertained, a resident of Woburn, died about 1769; married July 26, 1759, Hannah, daughter of Zerubbabel and Elizabeth (Wyman) Snow of Woburn. She died Aug. 15, 1795, aged 72 yrs. On Apr. 30, 1759, James Fowle of Woburn, gentleman, conveys to Joseph Johnson, the third, of Woburn, blacksmith, ¼ and ⅛ acre of land in Woburn, bounded northwest on the Country road leading from Woburn to Medford: south, southeasterly, and southwesterly on the Common Land, and easterly on the pound. (*Middx. Deeds*, 64: 244.) This land is on the spot covering the territory on Main Street, Woburn, between Walnut Street and the line between Dodge's and Hartwell's Blocks. Back of it is the elevation called Meeting-House Hill, land which at that date was owned by the town of Woburn, hence called Woburn Common Land. On the land purchased of Fowle, or a piece bought of the town,* Joseph Johnson had a blacksmith shop. This shop was consumed by an accidental fire "in the dead time of the night," about the year 1760. A number of guns belonging to two militia companies, left there to be fixed with bayonets, in accordance with a Province law, were burned. See petition of Jabez Carter, in "Diary of Lieut. Samuel Thompson," p. 55.

Hannah Johnson, widow, intestate; inventory dated Oct. 2, 1795; account filed Apr. 5, 1796.

Children:

i. HANNAH, b. May 25, 1761; d. Mar. 4, 1789, aged 28 yrs.
ii. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 5, 1763.
iii. SARAH, b. Oct. 15, 1764.
iv. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 26, 1767; d. Nov. 21, 1788, aged 22 yrs.†

88. ELIZABETH JOHNSON, of Woburn, married Sept. 27, 1716, at Watertown, Richard Condon, of Cambridge. Elizabeth Condon of Woburn, spinster, conveys to Nathaniel Brooks, one acre of land, being the sixth lot of the Proprietors' Land from the south end of

* See the Woburn Proprietors' Book of Record. Joseph Johnson, the 3d, bought a piece of land of the Proprietors' Committee to set his smith's shop on; confirmed by a vote of the Proprietors on Apr. 12, 1762. See printed copy of records, Johnson's *Woburn Marriages* (pt. 6), pp. 170, 175, 176.

† Joseph Johnson of Woburn, private, was engaged for the town of Danvers in 1780, in a new regiment under command of Col. Henry Jackson; had belonged to Col. David Henley's regt. previously; was reported later as having never joined.

Wood Hill, voted June 17, 1739, to John Johnson of Woburn, with his part of the undivided lands of Woburn, Wilmington, or anywhere else in this Province. Dated Mar. 26, 1754.*

89. Sarah Johnson m. Jan. 13, 1778, Nathan Clough, of Brentwood [N. H.]; res. in Woburn 2d Precinct, now Burlington, Mass.

90. Samuel Johnson m. Aug. 1, 1782, Martha Wood.

91. Rebecca Johnson m. Nov. 25, 1787, Jeremiah Winn.

92. Patty Johnson m. Jan. 1, 1789, Robert Douglass.

93. Martha Johnson m. Aug. 12, 1798, Ahira Wyman.

Marriage intentions of unidentified members of the Johnson family who may or may not be descendants of Capt. Edward Johnson:

Miss Elizabeth Johnson mar. int. Dec. 3, 1782, to Mr. Jonathan Porter, both of Woburn.

Eleanor Johnson and John Fowle, Jr., both of Woburn, Oct. 30, 1812.

Ruel Johnson of Woburn and Miss Jane Butman of Lowell, May 1, 1836.

Sarah Johnson and William E. Melvin, Nov. 11, 1850.†

* *Wyman Coll.* (Wob. Pub. Lib.) 6: 16; *Propr.'s Rec.* p. 14.

† Before 1850 the following marriages of Johnsons, who may or may not be descendants of Capt. Edward Johnson, were matters of record in Woburn:

Samuel Johnson of Salem and Abigail Penney of Woburn, July 29, 1806.

Miss Mary Johnson and Mr. Freeman Wade, both of Woburn, June 7, 1812.

Miss Elizabeth P. Johnson and Mr. William Beers, both of Woburn, Mar. 6, 1817.

Mr. Ruel Johnson and Miss Betsey Kendall, both of Woburn, Apr. 28, 1817.

Miss Eliza Johnson and Mr. Albert F. Fessenden of Lexington, Mar. 13, 1838.

Mary Johnson and John W. Whitney, both of Wrentham, Oct. 6, 1843.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

Page 3. [1.] Edward[1] Johnson, then of Charlestown, was a charter member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, in 1637. His name was the twenty-fourth in the list of the signers.—History of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, 1637–1888, by Oliver Ayer Roberts, p. 45.

The following extract from the Note-Book of the Rev. John Fiske, relating to a church controversy at Chelmsford, in 1654 and 1655, names Capt. Edward[1] Johnson as one of the referees.—"likewise it was concluded betwene them & the Brethren at Wenham to refer the matter to Counsell; & the ptie̅s agreed upon were M^r^ Endicot Govrno^r^ M^r^ Mather, M^r^ Allen of Dedhā. M^r^ Cobbet. M^r^ Shermā. Capt Johnsō. of Woobuerne who determined the case for Chelmsford."—Extracts from the Note-Book of the Rev. John Fiske, 1637–1675. With an Introduction by Samuel A. Green. Cambridge, 1898, p. 9.

In a paper read before the Old Residents' Historical Association of Lowell, Massachusetts, on Dec. 21, 1893, on the subject of the boundary line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire, from the Merrimack River to the Connecticut, Hon. Samuel Abbott Green gives due credit to the efforts of Capt. Simon Willard and Capt. Edward Johnson, a commission appointed by the General Court to find out the territorial boundaries of the colony on the north. See publication entitled "The Boundary Line," Lowell Courier Publishing Co., 1904, pp. 11–18.

The Middlesex County, Mass., Court Records, vol. i, p. 161, Dec., 1658, contain an account of a suit of Capt. Edward Johnson *versus* Ensign John Carter, about a matter concerning the Town records—see *Woburn Records of Births, Deaths and Marriages*, pt. 3, p. 284, note. The full record of this case was published in the *Woburn Journal*, for May 1, 1891, and the *Winchester Press*, for Sept. 5, 1902. Several Woburn citizens testified in this suit, and their testimony is given in full in the newspaper articles referred to. The outcome of the suit was in favor of Capt. Johnson.

In the Report of the Librarian of Congress for the year 1904, is a "Report on the Exhibit of the Library of Congress, at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition," and among the books exhibited, containing accounts of Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New England, in Colonial times, was Johnson's "Wonder-Working Providence," which was described thus:

"Edward Johnson. A history of New-England. From the English planting in the Yeere 1628, until the Yeere 1652. London, 1654.

"This is the earliest publication giving the annals of the colony of Massachusetts for an extended period. Winthrop's journal covering 1630–1649 was not published until 1790. The work is a repository of information upon the civil and ecclesiastical affairs of the colony, its methods of government and administration. The narrative is interspersed throughout with original verses, which add quaintness but not value to the text. 'Captain Johnson's merits do not lie in the direction of literary composition. It is sufficient to claim that he wrote the most important book on the Massachusetts colony that was printed during the first hundred years after the settlement; that he was a man of action rather than of letters, and took a leading part in the events he described.'—Wm. F. Poole."

William Frederick Poole, at the time librarian of the Boston Athenæum, prepared an historical introduction and an index to Warren F. Draper's edition of the "Wonder-Working Providence," published at Andover, Mass., in 1867, and John Alonzo Boutelle of Woburn, a professional genealogist, prepared for the same edition a genealogy of the descendants of Captain Edward Johnson. In

the introduction, Mr. Poole undertook in a monograph of 133 pages to give a description of the work and an account of the different claims of authorship, and a sketch of the life of Edward Johnson. The bibliographic details are treated exhaustively, probably as much so as they ever will be. The extracts used from the town records of Woburn have (not through the fault of Mr. Poole) a few mistakes.* The facts given by Mr. Boutelle have been greatly enlarged in the present genealogy and some mistakes corrected. One point quoted by Poole in favor of Johnson's authorship of the "Wonder-Working Providence" is reproduced here.

"* * * The copy of Wonder-Working Providence in the Library of the American Antiquarian Society, at Worcester, has a manuscript note, in the well-known handwriting of Mr. Thomas Prince, giving more in detail the fact already quoted from the Preface of his 'Chronological History,' which is as follows:—

"'Judg Sewall tells me, this Book was known to have been written by Captain Johnfon of Woburn, Father to the Hon^ble Wm Johnfon Esq^r of Woburn, w^o was chofen affiftant in 1684 at ye fame time w^th Judg Sewall Himself, and as it was commonly known y^t Capt. Johnfon was ye author of this Book: fo ye judg was intimately acquainted w^th his fon ye affiftant, & had conferred w^th Him about it.

This ye Judg tells me this ♀ aug. 23, 1728.'" †

The fac-simile of the "handwriting" of Captain Edward Johnson used by Poole as an illustration is now known to be that of his son William Johnson [Frontispiece, *W. W. Prov.* (Poole Edition)]. Fac-similes of Edward Johnson's handwriting and that of his son William Johnson are given in *Woburn Records of Births, Deaths and Marriages*, pt. 3; and the preface, *ibid.*, pp. 3 and 4, contains an explanation.

"Mr. Warren F. Draper, in a letter, dated Andover, Mass., Oct. 11, 1894, states, as the prospectus did, that Poole's edition of the 'Wonder-Working Providence' came into his hands in the settlement of business, and that he recalled but one interview with Dr. Poole during its preparation, and that was in reference to the index. The edition was dedicated to the memory of George Livermore of Cambridge, and ten copies of it were printed on drawing paper, fifty on large paper and two hundred on small paper. Dr. Poole finished his task confident in the belief that he had done a good thing; for as he progressed, he became more appreciative of its value, in spite of a rather hard and uninteresting beginning, due to the fact that much of the matter seemed without sense on a slight acquaintance. Dr. Poole told me the above facts, in an interview at the White Mountains, in 1899, and further said that it fell to his share to undertake the editing of this work, because others had declined it. Several gentlemen in Boston had undertaken to publish new editions of certain works on early New England, and this work was one, and he, on their refusal, accepted the task of editor rather unwillingly."‡

In 1892, a bibliography of Woburn was published by William R. Cutter, in which he cited a number of references to Johnson's "Wonder-Working Providence." He placed the book among the authorities on the early history of Woburn, and ranked it as one of the principal sources of information on that subject. He gave a history of its publication, and showed that opinions on the merits of the work greatly differed. The following is an extract:

"Some condemn its style as 'execrable'; unfit for a 'Christian' to read: a rhapsody; the 'rude verse,'—intolerable stuff. Others see more in it to praise: it is the earliest published narrative relating generally to Massachusetts, and the most important record of New England's life which the first hundred years brought forth. Others who say that its composition and arrangement are bad, and the author is not 'loveable' as a writer; that he is grim, awkward, and militant; also say that the work is sturdy and thoroughly representative. A local writer says of it, that it bears evidence of strong, intellectual power and

* For instance, Abersonse River, for Aberjona River; an examination of the handwriting of the original showing the word to be plainly Aberjona.

† Mr. Poole continues, "The blank space before 'Johnson' is in the original, and shows that Prince did not know his Christian name. It may be worthy of notice, as a corroboration of the genuineness of the date, that Aug. 23, 1728, old style, was Friday, as Prince indicates by the character ♀.—Introd. p. viii. and ix.

‡ Communication from William R. Cutter.

a fertile imagination; its structure may be faulty, but it has much originality and quaintness. A recent writer says that it is the work of the Puritan age that 'best epitomizes the Puritan philosophy'; 'every page is alive with the virile energy of that stirring time.' For some references to it, compare C. Deane, 'North American Review,' cvi. 319; Tyler's 'History of American Literature,' i. 137-46, 187; Winsor's 'Narrative and Critical History of America,' iii. 358, and his 'Memorial History of Boston,' i. 463; [these two works show a fac-simile of the autograph of Johnson, and the latter cites the notice by C. Deane here referred to, and also the notices by E. A. Park in 'Congregational Quarterly,' January, 1868, and J. D. Washburn in 'American Antiquarian Society Proceedings,' April, 1877;] G. M. Champney, 'Woburn,' in Drake's 'History of Middlesex County,' ii. 530; 'Massachusetts Historical Society's Collections,' for the years 1814, 1816, 1818, and 1819; a reprint of the original work from a copy procured in England: W. R. Cutter, 'Editorial Note,' in reprint of Volume I. of the Woburn Records, Woburn *Journal*, Aug. 24, 1888; John Fiske, 'Beginnings of New England' (Bost. 1889), 172, 243-47; the motto on the title-page of this work being a quotation from the 'Wonder-Working Providence.' Ten extracts from the work of Capt. Edward Johnson are given in Stedman and Hutchinson's 'Library of American Literature,' i. 316-32.

The opinions about Johnson by readers of his book are as various as those expressed on the work itself. C. Deane, already cited, called him a trainband captain of the John Gilpin type; and a writer in the 'Historical Magazine,' iii. 200, mentioned him as an enthusiast. Poole, Tyler, Winsor, John Fiske, and others, appreciate his career at much nearer its worth. In the preface to T. Prince's 'New England Chronology' (Bost. 1736, also 1826 and 1852), xii., that author says that he found in England among other books relating to this country, which were written in the ancient times of New England, a copy of the 'Wonder-Working Providence,' which he esteemed very highly for the facts it contained, which appeared in no other writer. This eminent author gave a description of the book, and showed how the work had been wrongly assigned to Sir F. Gorges. This, as all now know, has been recently shown by the researches of Baxter, not to have been Sir Gorges' fault, but the fault of Johnson's London publisher. 'But,' says Prince, 'the true author was Mr. Johnson, of Woburn, in New England, as the late Judge Sewall assured me, as of a thing familiarly known among the Fathers of the Massachusetts Colony.'

Other allusions of influential writers to Johnson's work are those of James Savage, editor of the 'Wonder-Working Providence,' when reprinted in the earlier volumes of the 'Massachusetts Historical Society Collections' (1814–1819), 2d series, ii.–iv., vii.–viii. See also that writer's edition of Gov. Winthrop's 'History of New England' (Bost. 1853) i. 100, 101, and same, 93, 119, 239, 319, 358. Also J. A. Doyle, an English writer, 'English Colonies in America,' iii. 10, 11, 78; and vol. ii. 82 and iii. 82. This author says that Johnson's work is a clearer statement of the thoughts and actions of the people than any other contemporary writings, because Johnson was mentally and morally more on a level with the ordinary run of his countrymen than the other writers.

Since the above was written an article in the 'New England Magazine,' iii. 652–55—recently issued in book form under the title, 'History of Historical Writing in America'—by Prof. J. F. Jameson, of Brown University, contains another description of the 'Wonder-Working Providence.' Professor Jameson is a lineal descendant, through his mother, of Captain Edward Johnson. He places Capt. Johnson as one of the four leading historians of America in the seventeenth century,—not because he is his ancestor, but because of his merit; the others are Captain John Smith, Governor William Bradford, and Governor John Winthrop. The descendant comments on the quaint title of the book. He considers the author, as others have done, as in most respects a type of the rank and file of the original settlers, and this is in the main, he says, what gives its value to this first printed history of Massachusetts."

"The Woburn Public Library has acquired by purchase a copy of the original edition of the 'Wonder-Working Providence' of Edward Johnson, which was bought in London in the year 1810 for seven shillings sterling. The history of this special copy is traced from the year 1810 in letters of Rev. Samuel Sewall (Jan. 27 and Feb. 28, 1849), and Rev. Charles W. Upham (Salem, Jan. 27, 1849), which are preserved with the book. Pasted on the cover of the work is an ad-

vertisement, evidently of the eighteenth century, cut from a newspaper whose name and date were not preserved. It contains proposals for reprinting by subscription the entire work, the title page of which is given, with the running title of the book, followed by the paragraph taken from the preface of Mr. Prince's Chronological History. The proposed reprint was to contain about twenty sheets in octavo, to be printed on good paper and in a good character. The price to subscribers was half a dollar a book. Those who subscribed for six were to have a seventh gratis. The subscriptions were taken by John Draper in Cornhill, or at the printing office in Newbury Street, Boston, and also by 'divers ministers and others in this and the neighboring governments,' who were furnished with subscription papers for that purpose."*

Page 6. Abigail Parsons, wife of John[4] Johnson (John,[3] Edward,[2] Capt. Edward[1]), was daughter of William and Hannah (Wheelwright) Parsons of Wells, Maine.

Page 8. [6, iii.) William[3] Johnson. Wyman's "Charlestown," p. 561, says he married Sarah Burrage, and had children: William,[4] b. and d. 1682; Joanna, b. and d. 1684; John, b. 1685; Bethia, b. and d. 1694. He was of Canterbury, Connecticut, in 1712.—Woburn Town Records.

Page 8. [7]. Anna (Blanchard) Gardner, the wife of Richard Gardner, was a daughter of Henry Rolfe, and widow of Thomas Blanchard. See Rolfe Gen. in Hoyt's "Old Families of Salisbury and Amesbury," p. 301; N. E. H. and G. Register, 36: 143.

Page 13. [18, v.] *For* resides, *read* resided.

Page 15. [21, vi.] *For* 1733, *read* 1738.

Page 13. Thomas Atwater[7] Johnson† (Jonas,[6] Asa,[5] Dea. Edward[4] [18], Capt. Edward,[3] Major William,[2] Capt. Edward[1]) born May 15, 1804, in Blandford, Mass., son of Jonas[6] and Sally (Ferguson) Johnson, Justice of the Supreme Court of New York, died Dec. 5, 1872, in Corning, New York; married first, June 7, 1830, Polly Houghton Birdsall, daughter of Maurice and Anne (Pixley) Birdsall of Greene, Chenango Co., N. Y.; married second, Dec. 26, 1866, Mrs. Sarah (Willis) Parker, daughter of Hon. Henry Willis of Penn Yan, N. Y.

Children by first wife:

i. *Annie Birdsall*,[8] b. Oct. 3, 1831; m. Dec. 4, 1856, John Maynard of Corning, N. Y. Children:
   1. Maurice Birdsall[9] Maynard, b. Jan. 24, 1859; m. Feb. 20, 1895, in Oakland, California, Louise Canal.
   2. Thomas Johnson Maynard, b. Mar. 24, 1862; m. Jan. 24, 1891, in Oakland, Cal., Alice Packer.
   3. Mariana Maynard, b. Feb. 12, 1865.

ii. *Adelaide*, b. Mar. 21, 1835; d. Nov. 28, 1901; m. Sept. 26, 1855, in Corning, N. Y., Charles H. Thomson. Children:
   1. Thomas Horatio[9] Thomson, b. Aug. 21, 1856; d. Nov. 24, 1892.
   2. Adelaide Louise Thomson, b. Nov. 14, 1857; m. Aug. 12, 1881, Peter Houston Milliken. Children:
      (1.) Conrad Orton[10] Milliken, b. July 21, 1882.
      (2.) Margaretta Searle, b. Feb. 13, 1886.
   3. Cordelia Chapman Thomson, b. Sept. 15, 1859; m. Nov. 20, 1886, Henry French.

iii. *Mary Louisa*, b. Feb. 8, 1840; m. Dec. 27, 1865, in Corning, N. Y., Hiram Warner Bostwick. Children:
   1. Elizabeth Johnson[9] Bostwick, b. Mar. 30, 1867; m. Nov. 28, 1888, in Franklin, Pa., William James Mullins. Children:
      (1.) Marjorie[10] Mullins, b. Sept. 16, 1890.
      (2.) Louise Anne, b. July 26, 1894.
      (3.) Elizabeth Alison, b. Nov. 22, 1899.

*"Contributions to a Bibliography of the Local History of Woburn, Mass." by William R. Cutter; appendix to *Woburn Records of Births, Deaths and Marriages*, part iv., pp. 181–185; also additional material (to above) *ibid.*, pt. v., p. 189.—See article on W. W. Prov., with specimen page, entitled, "A Quaint Old Book," published in *The Boston Herald*, for April 14, 1893, and republished as Appendix I. in Fifteenth Annual Report (1894) of the Librarian of the Woburn Public Library.

†Communicated by Mrs. Mary Louisa Bostwick of Franklin, Pa.

2. Louise Helen Bostwick, b. Sept. 22, 1869.
3. William Brough Bostwick, b. June 29, 1871; m. Dec. 19, 1903, in Peru, Illinois, Katharine Murray Gallagher.

iv. *Lizzie E.*, b. Oct. 21, 1845.

Child by second wife:

v. *Margaret Willis*, b. Aug. 22, 1867; m. Apr. 9, 1889, in Detroit, Michigan, Samuel Chapin Stearns.

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